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Rome, To-day. The Government is contemplating the mass production of a single type of shoes, underwear and clothes as a measure to cope with the high price of clothes.

Various clothing corporations have already appointed advisory committees to devise uniform civilian clothes.

Measures have also been taken to ration certain commodities used in everyday life should the war be prolonged.—Havas.

LONDON, TO-DAY.
GERMAN AEROPLANES BOMBED AND MACHINE-GUNNED THE BRITISH STEAMER PITWINES (932 TONS) OFF THE YORKSHIRE COAST YESTERDAY.

The crew took to the boats and all were saved; the steamer was taken in tow.

The bombing could be heard from the Yorkshire cliffs for nearly an hour.

The crew of the British steamer Jevington Court, which has just arrived in port, are congratulating themselves on an astonishing stroke of luck during an attack by German aircraft a few days ago.

The aircraft continually swooped, spraying the steamer with bullets which scattered the sky-lights and hatches and put the dynamo out of action, but always missing members of the crew.

Finally the raider started dropping bombs, which the ship avoided by zig-zagging.

Two bombs, however, struck the sea within six feet of the steamer, and the explosion seemed to lift the ship out of the water.

HEAVY CONCUSSION

The safety valves of the boilers were lifted off their seatings, and the concussion sent up clouds of coal dust through the bunker hatches.

Seeing the vessel had developed smoke, the German aircraft disappeared.

The crew recovered from the jolt, discovered that the steamer was totally undamaged and continued the voyage.—Reuter.

LAW SUIT AGAINST A VON PAPEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Upon the request of the German Government the Netherlands authorities have launched a law suit against Baron Felix von Papen, cousin of the Reich's Ambassador to Ankara, and author of the book on German concentration camps.

The law suit is based on the statute dealing with insults to foreign statesmen.

The book was published in 1938 and was entitled "A von Papen Speaks to You."

The Baron had been imprisoned in several concentration camps in 1933 to 1934 and gave a frank account of the brutal treatment he had received.—Havas.

KRUPP SCION KILLED IN ACTION

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

LIEUTENANT CLAUS VON BOHLEN, SON OF GUSTAV AND BERTHA KRUPP, OF THE WELL-KNOWN GERMAN ARMAMENT FIRM, WAS KILLED ON WEDNESDAY, STATES A NOTICE IN THE NAZI NEWSPAPER "KOELNISCHER ZEITUNG."

The notice says that Bohlen, who was a lieutenant in a fighter squadron, and was aged 29, "died a hero's death for the fatherland."

Bohlen himself is Chairman of the Board of Directors of one of the vast Krupp concerns.—Reuter.

JAPAN TO BEGIN "PEACE TALKS"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Japan is starting peace negotiations with Wang Ching-wei, the Japanese Embassy spokesman told Havas last evening.

The spokesman admitted, however, that the negotiations would not necessarily bring peace to the whole of China as long as Chungking maintains its anti-Japanese and pro-Soviet attitude.

As to the establishing of contact between Wang Ching-wei and Chungking, the spokesman said this depended upon Wang Ching-wei himself, since Japan intended scrupulously to respect the independence and administrative integrity of China.

Nevertheless Japan would rejoice if the restoration of peace was extended to the whole of China and should Chungking abandon its anti-Japanese and pro-Communist policy.—Havas.

BETTER TALKERS

THAN FIGHTERS ?

SOVIET TURNS TO THE "MIKE"

Helsinki, To-day.

Soviet planes yesterday raided Lahti and bombed the long-wave radio station there, after which Moscow started broadcasting in Finnish on the Lahti wave-length.

A large number of planes also raided the port of Abo, the town of Riihimaki and several other points on the south-west coast.

Their main objective was apparently the railway lines.

Telephone wires were cut and communications with Sweden interrupted.

The air raid alarm was sounded in Helsinki at 2.10 in the afternoon but no planes appeared over the city, and the all clear sounded at 3.45 p.m.

SNOWBALL FIGHT

The tedium of the long wait was relieved by a snowball fight between Finnish military police and British and American journalists from neighbouring trenches.

The Russians are understood to be making a desperate stand in the Sella region, where fresh Red Army reinforcements have arrived from Kazakhstan.—Reuter.

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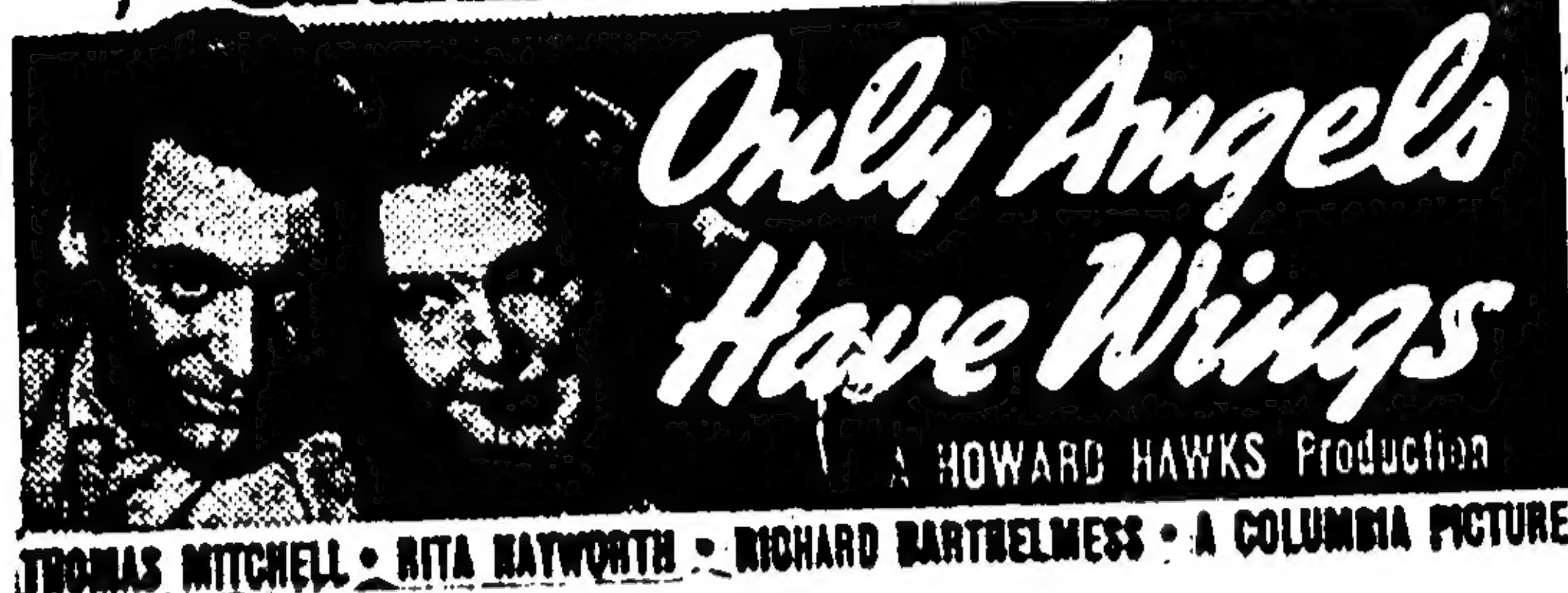
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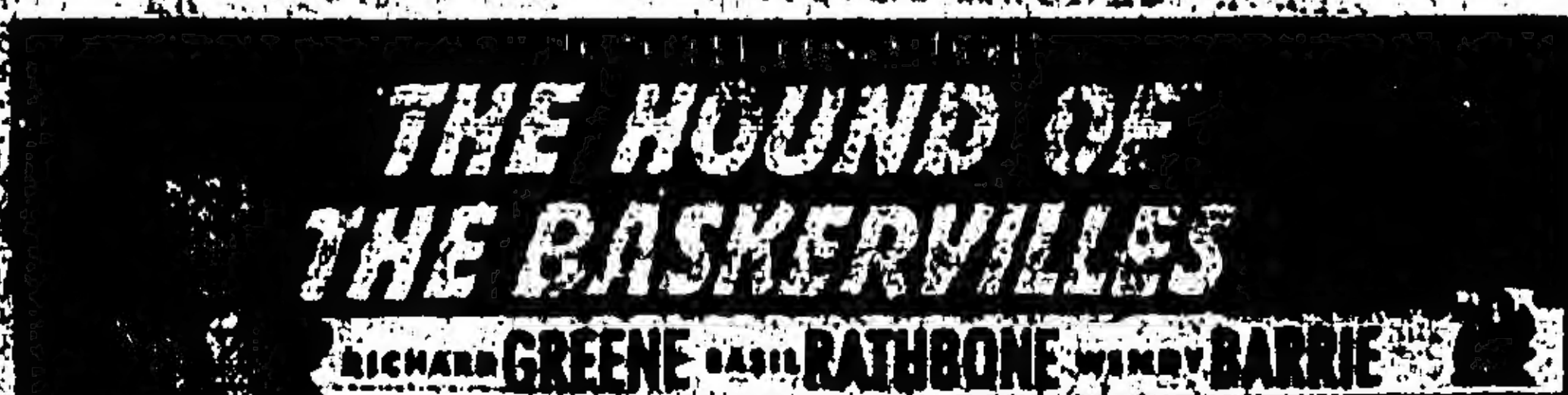


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PRIME MINISTER UNDER NO ILLUSIONS

By "CIVIS"

THE recent speech of the Prime Minister so far from showing any evidence of weariness or the heavy burden of office, was marked by great vigour, and a clear sense of the issues that were involved.

The people of Hong Kong may feel that everything is secure, that the affairs of the Empire are in the right hands, and all that is necessary is to wait for the inevitable result—the collapse of Germany.

The Prime Minister likewise is convinced that the evil things we are fighting against will be destroyed, but he is under no illusions about the colossal sacrifices that will have to be made in order to achieve this aim.

It will require the whole-hearted cooperation of the individual dominions and colonies before the overthrow of Hitlerism is accomplished. There must be no slackening of effort, but rather a firm resolution to endure the hardships and restrictions which the prosecution of this war will impose. Germany is concentrating her attack on Great Britain, and is gradually working up to a war of hate, in which every weapon will be used to the fullest extent.

The submarine, mine and air bomber are the instruments by which Germany hopes to bring Britain to her knees. Our targets are numerous for our shipping must keep to the seas, from which the Germans have been expelled.

German Hopes

It is those lines of communication in the North Sea which Germany hopes to destroy, thus serving the double purpose of shutting off the Danish and Scandinavian supplies to Britain and then compelling these countries to direct the trade to Germany which is surely in need of these materials.

The Prime Minister naturally looks forward to an intensification of the campaign directed against Britain, since she is the real enemy in the eyes of the Germans who have striven and are still striving to drive a wedge between the British and French people.

Sharing The Burden

The Prime Minister is not only opposed to the policy of the last war, which led to the hopeless attempt to raise wages to meet the rising cost of living, as this only caused inflation, but he insists that every section of the community must share the burden of taxation. The country cannot spend 8 million pounds a day on war and at the same time hope to maintain its living standards. The luxury goods must be reduced in quantity and increased in price, since the workmen are not available for the production of such luxury goods.

Only in this way can the war economy be maintained. It is for this reason that more and more regimentation must take place, and less and less individual choice be allowed both in the quantity of goods and in the kind. It is the irony of fate that we can only achieve our aim in this

war by a sacrifice of certain personal liberties, and by suffering many irritating restrictions such as one encounters in Germany. The great difference is that Britain voluntarily submits to them in time of war, where German people have them imposed from above in time of peace as well as in war. The one is a team cheerfully accepting the rules of the game, and submitting to the most rigorous training in order to achieve success, whereas in Germany the discipline is imposed from without and has to be accepted willy nilly.

Empire Contribution

In Great Britain there is the further stimulus to this voluntary though strenuous effort because those who live in the Dominions have spontaneously offered their services and are already rendering them in this great struggle.

This action confirms the nation in its determination, and raises the effort to a higher level.

It is not only a valuable material contribution that our dominions are making, but a still more valuable spiritual one. It emphasises, if it needed emphasizing, the solidarity of the British Commonwealth and proves that the ideals animating are vital and active and are still capable of evoking the greatest possible effort for their maintenance.

The Prime Minister is thus assured of the support of every section of the Empire, and still more so now, because in former years he struggled for the preservation of peace. When the Parliamentary session was ending after Munich, Sir John Sinclair who had been bitterly critical of the Government policy, said that they all recognised the supreme efforts the Prime Minister had made in the cause of peace.

Arduous Service

The Prime Minister not expecting such a tribute from such a quarter, was deeply moved. He looks for no praise, but pursues his course sincerely and conscientiously, rendering arduous service to the nation at a time when he might very well surrender the task.

The nation which can command such services is certainly not that decadent pleasure-seeking community which Germany receive itself into thinking that it was. The Prime Minister's speech will be welcomed as a vigorous statement of the country's policy and determination.

URBAN COUNCIL

The term of Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto's appointment to the Urban Council expires to-day.

Dr. Basto was elected on the 13th January, 1937, for the term of three years, and has been serving in the Council and the old Sanitary Board for three consecutive terms making a total of nine years.

We understand that Dr. Basto is offering himself for re-election.

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GROWING SOLIDARITY OF THE SMALL STATES

London, To-day.

THE SPEECH BY KING GUSTAV of Sweden at the opening of the Swedish Parliament focussed the attention of the British Press yesterday on two aspects of wars of aggression: Firstly, Finland's brilliant fighting; and secondly, the growing solidarity with which the small states, especially in Scandinavia, react to brute force.

Discussing the Finnish campaign, "The Times" says that the battle in the central "waist" of the country presented the most immediate danger, for not only do the Finnish railways converge here at the western part, but they also go through here to Sweden.

Three Soviet divisions were launched against this area. The first, after reaching Suomussalmi, was routed after a long fight with frontier patrols; the second was defeated before the third could reinforce it; while the third — the 44th Division — has now suffered an even greater overthrow.

Vividly describing the "liquidation" of the 44th Division, "The Times" says that miles of the road from Suomussalmi to the frontier are blocked with vehicles of all kinds and the whole way is littered with Soviet dead. The remnants are still being rounded up and the fugitives will find the winter an even more terrible enemy than the Finns.

NEVER SAW ENEMY

Similar tactics were used against the 44th Division as in the case of its predecessors. It defended itself for 10 days against an enemy it hardly ever saw. Then it began to retreat and this was the signal for Finnish onslaughts which did not end until the division ceased to exist. This, says "The Times," is the fourth Finnish victory in a month and the most brilliant.

As in the case of 1918, the Finns fight the Russians for the arms with which to win bigger battles. The booty they have seized in war materials and equipment is scarcely less important than the victories themselves.

MILITARY SKILL

"The military skill with which Finland is defending itself is a direct legacy from the Finnish national hero, Mannerheim," concludes "The Times."

The strain on Finland's resources is stressed by all papers.

King Gustav's speech will give Finland powerful reinforcement, comments the "Daily Telegraph." When King Gustav promised military help, he looked forward to the collaboration of the Nordic states and others not bound by alliances. This, he said, was essential for the defence of their common interest and of peace.

One of the consequences not foreseen by Hitler and Stalin when they concluded their thieves' bargain, concludes the "Daily Telegraph," was the co-operation of Northern Europe to make it ineffectual. — Reuter.

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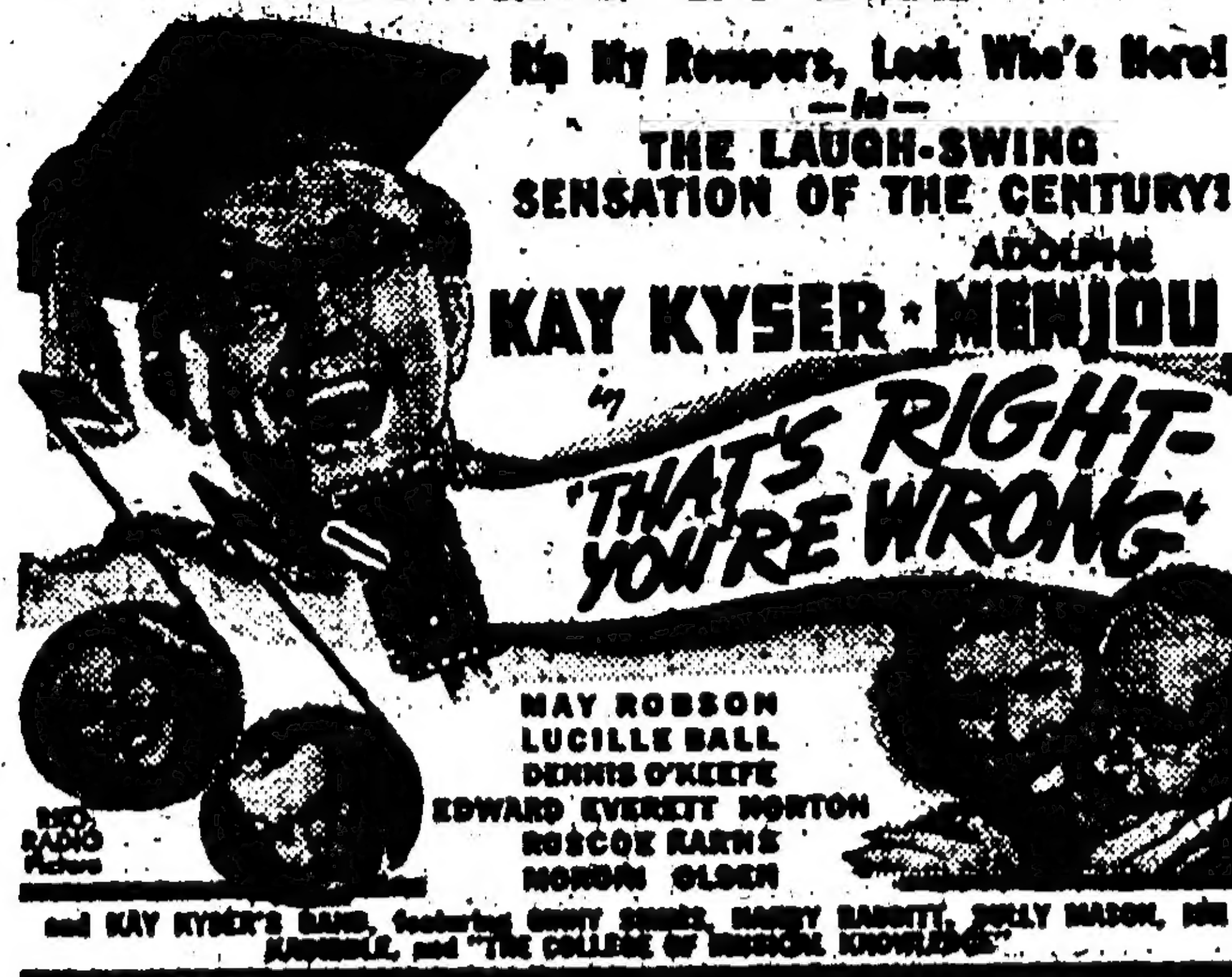


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COOL COURAGE AND RESOURCE ON NIGHT PATROL

London, To-day.

THE FIRST DECORATIONS for bravery in the field were awarded by General Lord Gort, the Commander-in-Chief, yesterday, says Reuter's special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force in France.

The Military Cross was awarded to Captain F. P. Barclay, and the Military Medal to Lance-Corporal R. Davis, both of the Norfolk Regiment.

Capt. Barclay was decorated for conspicuous gallantry, coolness and resource when acting as patrol leader on night patrol.

He led the patrol far into the enemy lines, securing valuable information.

In the hope of securing a prisoner he entered and searched a house in which a fire was alight, and which was clearly occupied by the enemy.

As he returned, the enemy opened fire with bombs and small arms. Captain Barclay's patrol replied vigorously and, having exhausted their bombs, he withdrew his patrol without loss.

Lance-Corpl. Davis was decorated for conspicuous bravery and coolness on night patrol.

He assisted his patrol leader to search a house occupied by the enemy, and later, when the patrol was discovered, he displayed great determination and indifference to danger, setting a fine example to the rest of the patrol. — Reuter.

"WHATS' THIS?" ASKED THE MAYOR

Touring an exhibition organised by the Ministry of Supply the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor T. B. Pritchett, stopped at a stall.

"What's this?" he asked, picking up a finlay bit of silk. "It's a brassiere—the type worn by members of the women A.T.S.," he was told.

In the exhibition, which is designed to save Midland manufacturers the trouble of visiting the pattern rooms at the ordnance depots in the south, everything from bombs to fireguards—and of course brassieres—is displayed.

IDEAL DIET FOR DIGESTIVE DISTURBANCES

The big problem with sufferers from gastritis or other digestive disturbances is how to avoid pain and discomfort when eating. The inflamed stomach walls are so sensitive that solid foods can not be retained. Even liquid foods are often vomited.

Yet the patient must get quick new strength into his body. Doctors and nurses have found that Horlicks is retained in the stomach when other foods are rejected. The reason is that Horlicks is so easy to digest. At the same time it rebuilds the exhausted body, and restores strength and stamina.

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THE KING'S PIGEON AIDS R.A.F. PILOT

A British pilot flying off the coast found his plane running out of petrol. He released one of his pigeons with an S O S.

It was one of the King's pigeons from the royal loft at Sandringham. These birds, in which the King takes a keen interest, are sent out daily on war service with the R.A.F.

His fuel dangerously low, the pilot made for home, while high above the sea went the pigeon with the message which might mean life or death.

The bird flew to the royal loft. The message was immediately 'phoned to the pilot's base and arrangements were made to go to his assistance.

As it happened, the pilot managed to reach his aerodrome, but if he had come down in the sea—as had seemed likely—the pigeon might well have saved both him and his plane. It was just a routine job of the King's pigeons on active service.

The Air Ministry told this story when announcing that the King has accepted the badge of the National Pigeon Service, which was recently established under their direction.

The King has asked for a fortnightly report on the activities of his birds.

"GIRLS - RASPBERRIES!"

Girls and women heard some home truths from Mr. T. Stinton, headmaster of Newcastle-under-Lyme Boys' High School when he distributed the prizes at Newcastle — Ander-Lyme Girls' High School.

"It always seems a great pity to me that young women should go about looking as though they lived on raspberries and had not time to wipe the stain off," he said.

"If artificial decoration does not achieve a plausible imitation of nature, it is just a mess, and there are plenty of messes walking about under expensive hats."

Mr. Stinton said he did not think there should be any fashion in figures.

"After all, one's physique and one's digestive facilities were provided for without personal arrangement."

Some were obviously designed as pocket-battleships and thought themselves destroyers, but destroyers had not enough engine room.

"It is far better," he added, to walk about weighing 10st. 5lb. than to be in a nursing home weighing 8st. nothing."

LATEST R.A.F. CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

The latest R.A.F. casualty list, issued by the Air Ministry yesterday, contains 78 names.

They include 18 killed in action, 19 missing believed killed in action, and 23 missing.

Eight were killed and eight died on active service.—Reuter.

JAPANESE MANDATE REPORT

Geneva, To-day.

The mandates section of the League of Nations has received the Japanese Government's Report for 1938 on the administration of the islands under Japanese mandate.

Some significance is attached to the fact that Japan, although she has withdrawn from the League, is still maintaining contact with League organisations. — Reuter.

AMMUNITION OUTPUT WILL BE QUADRUPLED

It is learned from an authoritative source in London that the production of ammunition of all sorts has been doubled in the past six months.

Plans are being executed which will double this new output during the coming six months, so that at the end of 12 months the initial output will have been quadrupled.

STANDARD CLOTHES FOR ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Italians are soon to have standard suits, shoes, stockings and bed-linen, under a decree just issued.

Manufacturers will be told what to make and how much to charge for their products, and designs for standard clothing for men and women have already been created.

"Home products" are also being boosted in Italy's campaign for self-sufficiency, and exhibitions showing Italian goods which can be substituted for foreign-made products will be held all over the country.—Reuter.

"WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE"

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, WHICH IS MEETING HERE, YESTERDAY PASSED A RESOLUTION APPEALING TO ALL TRADE UNION CENTRES TO GIVE EFFICACIOUS AID TO FINLAND.

The resolution expressed sympathy and solidarity with "the heroic Finnish people in their fight against Stalin's Imperialistic aggression."

The meeting is being held under the joint presidency of M. Leon Jouhaux (France) and Sir Walter Citrine (Britain). — Reuter.

REASONS FOR GERMAN TRAIN ACCIDENTS

London, Dec. 23.

Seventy persons were killed and about 100 injured at Genthin, 55 miles west of Berlin, early yesterday morning in the seventh serious railway accident in Germany and Austria since the war began.

The Berlin-Neunkirchen express collided at full speed with the Berlin-Cologne express, which was standing in the station. The engine and six coaches of one train and four coaches of the other were derailed. Both trains were packed with passengers, according to Reuter and Associated Press messages.

The six previous accidents were—
November 13: 43 killed and at least 60 injured when two passenger trains collided in Upper Silesia.

November 19: Nine killed and 20 seriously injured when the Berlin-Hamburg express ran into a local train outside Berlin.

November 26: 11 dead and five injured in a collision between passenger and goods trains at Niederwollstadt.

December 1: 14 dead and 11 seriously injured near Kruckel when a miners' motor-bus hit a train on a level crossing.

December 11: 19 killed and 20 seriously injured when a train struck a bus near Vocklabruck, in Upper Austria.

December 23: 17 killed and 41 injured when two passenger trains

collided in Western Germany between Hagen and Wetter.

A WARNING UNHEEDED

The many railway accidents in Germany—only some that have occurred since the beginning of the war have come to the knowledge of the police—are, to some extent at least, the consequence of worn tracks and defective rolling stock. The employment of unskilled personnel, including large numbers of women who have replaced men of military age, must have helped to produce accidents.

Even before the war began experts, German as well as non-German, warned the authorities that the railways were in a dangerous state. But urgent repairs were not carried out. The German Ministry of Transport stated shortly before the outbreak of war that 1,000,000,000 marks would be needed for repairs and to replace defective rolling stock.

A special train has been put upon the German railways because the new motor-roads have turned out to be rather a disappointment. They have not stood ordinary wear and tear very well and were affected by frosts during the last winter, besides which the traffic on these roads consumes far more petrol than Germany can afford. These motor-roads have been in the way able to replace the railways as a means of transport and war material.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 12th January, 1940.

ORDERLY MEDICAL OFFICER
Fri., 19th Jan., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Lieut. A. M. Rodrigues.

PARADES

CORPS ARTILLERY:

1st Battery:

Gun Detachments.—Tues., 16th Jan., Belchers, 5.45 p.m. B.C. Staff, No. 1 and No. 2 Gun Detachments and D.R.F. Specialists. Battery drill. Dress—Overalls, caps and gun platform shoes.
Fri., 18th Jan., Belchers, 5.45 p.m. B.C. Staff, No. 3 and No. 4 gun detachments and D.R.F. Specialists. Battery drill. Dress—Overalls, caps and gun platform shoes.

Lewis Gunners.—Thurs., 18th Jan., H.Q., 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction. Dress—Overalls and caps.

D.E.L. Section.—Wed., 17th Jan., Wellington Barracks, 5.30 p.m. Mobile light training. Dress—Overalls and caps.

2nd Battery:

Tues. 16th Jan. Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. Right Section. No. 2 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

Wed. 17th Jan. Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. Left Section, No. 1 Gun. Gun and Battery drill.

Thurs. 18th Jan. Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. (i) Right Section. No. 1 Gun. Gun and Battery drill. (ii) A.A.L. M.G. Class—D.E.L. & Gun detachments details.

Fri. 18th Jan. Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. Left Section, No. 2 Gun. Gun and Battery drill. D.R.F. Detachment each night as already detailed. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps for all parades.

3rd Battery:

Layers & D.R.F. Courses:

Mon. 15th Jan. and Thurs. 18th Jan. Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Only those detailed. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps, G.P. shoes.

Lewis Gun Class:

Mon. 15th Jan. and Thurs. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Only those detailed. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps.

D.E.L.:

Fri. 19th Jan. Wellington Barracks, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps. New Specialist Courses:

Mon. 15th Jan. and Thurs. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All those who have not been detailed to take the new specialist courses. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps.

4th Battery:

Mon. 15th Jan. and Wed. 17th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Recruits.

Fri. 19th Jan. Queen's Pier, 5.30 p.m. (Returning 10 p.m.) All ranks. Haversack rations will be provided. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps, gun platform shoes, waterbottle filled.

5th Battery:

Mon. 15th Jan. Queen's Pier, 5.00 p.m. No. 1 Section. Dress—Overalls.

Wed. 17th Jan. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All Officers and N.C.O.'s. Dress—Muff.

Thurs. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s only. Parade under R.S.M.

Fri. 19th Jan. Queen's Pier, No. 2 Section. Dress—Overalls.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS:

Mon. 15th Jan. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry.

Thurs. 18th Jan. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Technical training by sections.

CORPS SIGNALS:

Mon. 15th Jan. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training. Uniform and equipment deficiencies must be made up at this parade.

Fri. 19th Jan. All detachments. Signal training.

MOBILE COLUMN:

Armoured Car Platoon:

Mon. 15th Jan. and Fri. 19th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All classes, M.G. training.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon:

Mon. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. instruction. A Class, instruments, B Class, T.O.E.G.D. C Class, stripping and assembling.

Fri. 19th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s, parade.

Clothing & Equipment:

Mon. 15th Jan. Extra khaki shorts will be issued to members of the M.M.G. Pl. Deficiencies of clothing and equipment will be made up on this date.

NO. 1 COMPANY:

Nos. 1 & 2 Platoons:

Tues. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As detailed in Company programme.

Fri. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. O.C. Company's parade. All ranks to attend.

No. 4 (Troop) Platoon:

Tues. 16th Jan. Those detailed, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. Remainder, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

Fri. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Preparation for camp.

No. 2 Company:

Thurs. 18th Jan. (i) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Docks, 5.30 p.m. L.G. training. (ii) No. 7 Platoon. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class, those detailed. Remainder, M.G. training.

No. 3 Company:

Sun. 14th Jan. Stonecutters, M.G. Part II. Those detailed. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.40 a.m. Dress—Optional, but equipment will be worn while firing.

Mon. 15th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Repairs; night firing practice for those detailed.

Thurs. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training as in Company programme.

No. 4 Company:

Fri. 19th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade issue of Rifles and Respirators for camp.

No. 5 Company:

Tues. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Instructions on M.G. and Field Signals (Hand, rifle and whistle).

Tues. 16th Jan. and Fri. 18th Jan. Issue of greatcoats, box respirators and rifles. Nos. 1 and 2 will not draw rifles.

No. 6 Company:

Sun. 14th Jan. Kowloon City Range, 9 a.m. Classification L.G. Dress—Muff but braces, pouches and frags must be worn on the range. Range Officer—As detailed by O.C. Company.

Tues. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. training.

No. 7 Company:

Mon. 15th Jan. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. S.A.T. Indication of targets.

Thurs. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. training. I.A. first position.

Mon. 22nd Jan. Proceed to camp at Fanling.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COY:

Sun. 14th Jan. R.A.S.C. Camber, 9.30 a.m. Learners only. Driving.

Tues. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. N.C.O.'s Instruction Class, 6 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.'s lecture.

Thurs. 18th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Uniform parade—compulsory. Dress—S.D. caps, K.D. jacket, trousers, boots, belt, box respirator, greatcoat.

FIELD AMBULANCE:

Wed. 17th Jan. Murray Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m. Not in uniform.

Fri. 19th Jan. St. Paul's College, 5.30 p.m. Lecture.

PAY SECTION:

Fri. 19th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENT
Corps Orders No. 1/40 of the 5.1.40.
Para. 11. Strength-Increase. For "Pte. J. H. Woodier, Armd. C. Platoon" read "Pte. J. H. Woodier, No. 3 Company".

TRANSFERS

2250, L/Bdr. E. L. Powell, from 1st Bty. to Fd. Coy. Engrs., 29.12.39.

1868, C.Q.M.S. R. C. Butler, from Armd. C. Pl. to Mob. Col. H.Q., 12.1.40.

LEAVE

3878, Gnr. H. W. Howell, 2nd Bty., 8.12.39-8.1.40; 4086, Pte. R. G. Xavier, Fd. Ambulance, 5.1.40-4.2.40; 2889, Pte. Y. Chow, No. 4 Company, 12.1.40-12.2.40; 2056, Pte. J. K. Ross, A.S.C. Coy., 15.1.40-14.3.40; 3812, Pte. G. R. Horridge, No. 1 Company, 23.1.40-5.7.40.

The undermentioned leave is cancelled:—2658, Gnr. L. Landau, 1st Bty., 5.1.40-31.1.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

2052, Pte. A. S. Xavier, No. 6 Company, 21.6.39; 3017, Pte. S. M. Ko, No. 4 Company, 13.10.39; 1976, Pte. H. E. Osmund, No. 6 Company, 1.11.39; 3672, Pte. F. A. Loureiro, No. 6 Company, 10.11.39; 3713, Pte. H. Sando, Fd. Ambulance, 23.11.39; 3445, Gnr. T. K. Chung, 4th Battery, 15.12.39; 3101, Pte. Y. K. Ngan, No. 7 Company, 15.12.39; DR.5, Pte. C. R. Lyen, 15th A.A. Battery, 22.12.39; 8235, Pte. C. F. Pereira, No. 6 Company, 8.1.40; 4038, Pte. M. C. Chan, Fd. Ambulance, 15.1.40; 2826, Pte. R. T. Wong, No. 4 Company, 12.1.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4248, Pte. C. Jamieson, Stanley Platoon, 5.1.40; 4249, Pte. W. F. C. Jenner, Stanley Platoon, 5.1.40; 4250, Pte. C. J. Kingston, Stanley Platoon, 5.1.40; 4251, Pte. R. E. Jones, Stanley Platoon, 11.1.40.

PROMOTION EXAMINATION—RESULT

The following members of the No. 3 Company passed a promotion examination for Corporal:—

A/Cpl. J. MacKay.
A/Cpl. D. J. Willis.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

1957, A/Cpl. J. MacKay, No. 3 Coy., to be Cpl., 13.1.40; 4250, A/Cpl. D. J. Willis, No. 3 Coy., to be Cpl., 13.1.40; 3273, A/Cpl. E. T. Jones, No. 3 Coy., to be Cpl., 13.1.40; 3003, A/Cpl. N. Broadbridge, No. 3 Coy., to be L/Cpl., 12.1.40; 3198, A/Cpl. G. E. K. Reilance, No. 3 Coy., to be L/Cpl., 12.1.40; 3857, Cpl. E. A. R. Powell, A.S.C. Coy., to be Sgt., 12.1.40; 3345, Pte. H. D. Purves,

A.S.C. Coy., to be L/Cpl., 12.1.40; 3544, Pte. W. Hyde, A.S.C. Coy., to be L/Cpl., 12.1.40; DR.91, Pte. W. S. Hillier, A.S.C. Coy., to be Cpl., 12.1.40; DR.45, Pte. C. Black, A.S.C. Coy., to be E/Cpl., 12.1.40; 64, Pte. F. Cullen, A.S.C. Coy., to be L/Cpl., 12.1.40; 209, B.S.M. J. M. Jack, Corps Art. H.Q., to be Corps Artillery Sergeant Major, 12.1.40.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE
Corps Diary—Amendments.—The following amendments are made to Corps Diary, 1939-40:—

DELETE:—S'cutters 21st Jan. No. 5 Coy. (M.G. Pt. II); S'cutters, 28th Jan. Beach Light Coy. (Rifle); S'cutters, 4th Feb. Corps Signals & Armd. C. Pl. (Rifle); Kln. City, 4th Feb. Nos. 1 & 2 Coys. (Rifle).

ADD:—Kln. City, 4th Feb. No. 5 Coy. (M.G. Pt. II); Kln. City, 18th Feb. No. 7 Coy. (Rifle & L.G.); Kln. City, 25th Feb. Corps Signals & Armd. C. Pl. (Rifle); Kln. City, 10th Mar. No. 7 Coy. (Rifle & L.G.); S'cutters, 10th Mar. Nos. 1 & 2 Coys. (Rifle "A" & "B").

AFFILIATED UNIT
NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C.
Lecture.—Fri., 19th Jan. St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Lecture in First Aid.

Practical Bandaging Classes.—Mon., 22nd Jan. (i) H.Q. 10.30 a.m. (ii) No. 13, Leighton Hill, 5.30 p.m. Transport leaves H.Q. at 5.15 p.m.

Strength-Decrease.—Miss M. Hutchison—8.1.40; Mrs. C. de S. Robertson—9.1.40; Miss H. Wolf—3.1.40.

Sgt. Mrs. I. M. S. BRAUDE,
Assistant Comdt.

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

PREMIER'S COUSIN WANTS HIGHER TAXES

The Premier's first cousin, Mr. Arthur Chamberlain, who is chairman of four companies and a director of five others, told shareholders of Tube Investments, in Birmingham:—"If I had my way taxation would be even higher."

"In our report," he went on, "we refer to the unequal burdens carried by those who serve in the Forces and those who serve as civilian workers."

"The burden is unequal financially and in the risk of life and health."

"By appealing to our nobler motives the Chancellor would surely have eliminated at a stroke profiteering and the other evils that follow when it is legally commendable to make larger profits."

504 M.P.H. MAN DIES

Mr. H. W. C. Skinner, the test pilot who, it was announced recently, flew at the record speed of over 504 miles an hour in a power-dive from Oxford to Farnborough, has died three hours after being found lying ill in his bath at his home, Sandford House, Woodley (Bucks).

He was thirty-six, and leaves a wife and two children.

For some time he had suffered from blood pressure, from which he died, but carried on with his perilous profession.

CALL TO IRELAND FROM SOUTH SEAS

A remarkable appeal to the I.R.A. is reported in 'The New Zealand Herald'. It has been sent by Irishmen resident in Western Samoa to the Prime Minister of the Dominion for transmission to the several countries concerned, and it reads: "In these disturbing days of war in which forces of terrorism and fury have been let loose upon the world, and in which not only the future of the civilisation which we hold so dear is beset, we, being native sons of Elre, or persons of Irish descent living overseas, do earnestly appeal to those of our countrymen who are members of the Irish Republican Army to refrain from hostile or subversive activities directed against the British Crown and Empire. We feel that in these grave days, in which aggression and oppression are rife, a united British Empire is indispensable to the combatting of those forces of evil which obviously now work only to destroy it and its peoples, but which also, we believe, are directed to overthrow Christianity."

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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RAIDERS STILL ACTIVE

SUFFOLK, NORFOLK AND THAMES VISITED

London, To-day.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT AGAIN raided the East Coast yesterday. Anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes went into action in Suffolk, Norfolk, Yorkshire and the Thames Estuary area. In all cases, the raiders were driven off and no bombs were dropped.

As in the case of Thursday's raids, no air-raid warnings were sounded and many people watched the bursting puffs of the anti-aircraft shells with interest.

On Thursday-Friday night, the R.A.F. carried out a successful reconnaissance flight over western and north-western Germany. The Air Ministry communique states that R.A.F. patrols visited Nazi seaplane bases in the Helligoland Bight.

This is probably the flight referred to in a German communique which states that British planes raided and bombed a German island but "caused no damage."

During Thursday's Nazi raids on shipping in the North Sea, a small vessel, the Keynes, was bombed and sunk. All the crew have now been landed safely.—Reuter.

*** The Keynes was a vessel of 1,706 tons built at Newcastle in 1915, and owned by Stephenson Clarke and Associated Companies, of London. She was about 260 feet long.

NEW HKVDC OFFICERS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Sergeant Lawrence Goldman to be Second Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth Myer Arthur Barnett to be Lieutenant.

Battery Quartermaster Sergeant George Stainburn Wilby to be Second Lieutenant.

Battery Quartermaster Sergeant Henry Stephen Jones to be Second Lieutenant.

Bombardier Sidney John George Burt to be Second Lieutenant.

COPPER COIN EXPORTS PROHIBITED

The following Order is gazetted:—
I, Eric William Hamilton, by virtue of the powers vested in me under the Defence Regulations, 1939, with the consent of His Excellency the Governor, hereby PROHIBIT THE EXPORT OF COPPER COINS of all kinds, except by licence under my hand, or under the hand of an officer of my department on my behalf.

SHANGHAILANDERS IN H.K.N.V.F.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointments in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force:—

To be Acting Sub-Lieutenants, with effect from 30th December, 1939.

Alfred Brian Palmer, Esquire.

Cecil Jesse Austen Gray, Esquire.

Francis Roydon Lattimer Carey, Esquire.

Raymond Anthony Dodd, Esquire.

Eric Wilson Laycock, Esquire.

Laurence Duncan McNab Beattie, Esquire.

GERMAN LECTURER WAS SPY

New York, Dec. 29.

Dr. Colin Ross, a German author and lecturer well known here, was exposed to-day as a master intriguer whose activities "appeared to come within the category of espionage."

The Martin Dies Committee investigating un-American activities, who make the allegations, recommend that he should be prevented from ever setting foot on American soil again.

The committee's report states that Ross drove about the United States in a special Mercedes car equipped with motion-picture cameras and attempted to photograph several specialised industrial plants.

He is said to have been a German spy during the last war, and high Government officials here have issued secret orders regarding his recent affairs.

Ross was last in the United States in the spring. Later he left for Japan.

The report alleges that many of his speaking engagements were arranged by Nazi consular officials, and that he spoke for the German-American Bund.

Referring to photographs he took of American social life, the report states: "There is indisputable proof that Ross doctored the pictures so that they did not depict the facts, but were vile distortions with the view of showing America in the worst possible light."

NAZI DIPLOMAT AND U.S. MECHANIC

A further development has occurred in the dispute between Herr Peter Riedel, the well-known glider, who is an Assistant Air Attache at the German Embassy in Washington, and an American mechanic named Werner.

Herr Karl Resenberg, First Secretary at the German Embassy, stated: "We do not consider the affair a personal one, but an issue between the German and American Governments."

On armistice day Werner objected to the diplomat's car being parked with one wheel on his flower-bed.

Instead of letting the matter rest, Herr Riedel called the police, who summoned Werner to court. Werner, his wife and two daughters were present, but Herr Riedel failed to appear.

The German Embassy's solemn statement has given still more publicity to the case, which but for the Embassy action would have passed off practically unnoticed.

DEFENCE BILL APPROVED

Washington, To-day.
The House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority and without a roll-call, yesterday passed the Emergency Defence Appropriation Bill.
The Bill has now gone to the Senate.—Reuter.

R.A.F. RAID RANTUM BAY

London, To-day.

During the latest R.A.F. patrols over German seaplane bases in the North Sea one pilot observed a row of lights in Rantum Bay, which were doubtless a path of flares to guide German minelaying aircraft.

Six bombs were dropped and the lights were immediately extinguished.

The German ground defences fired and many searchlights worked in co-operation with the guns.

One bomber was momentarily held by a cluster of searchlights over Sylt, but all our aircraft returned safely.

OVER HAMBURG

Between them, every two aircraft which go on the security patrols

U.S. POLICY IN AID TO FINLAND

LEADERS DISCUSS METHODS

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt stated at yesterday's press conference that he had asked Congress leaders of both parties to work out the problem of giving assistance to Finland.

He added that the Russian attack on Finland and the need of maintaining Finnish independence should not be a party matter in the United States.

In the meantime the President said he had no idea of what specific steps would be taken.—Reuter.

Loan To Sweden Too?

Washington, To-day.

There have been informal discussions regarding a United States loan to Sweden, on the lines of those made to Finland and Norway, Mr. Jesse Jones, President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, told his press conference yesterday.

No specific amount had been mentioned, he said.

Mr. Jones added that the United States would certainly be glad to help all the Scandinavian countries financially, and saw no reason why a loan should not be made to Sweden.—Reuter.

cover an equivalent distance of the Atlantic crossing from Ireland to Newfoundland—1,700 miles.

In addition to the security patrols, several aircraft flew over Hamburg, Frankfurt, Bremen and the Ruhr district, obtaining much useful information.—Reuter.

H-K. PROHIBITS CERTAIN IMPORTS FROM MACAO

SURREPTITIOUS IMPORTATIONS of German goods into Hong Kong from Macao, goods taken from Hong Kong shortly before the outbreak of war to evade seizure, had a sequel to-day when an Order was issued prohibiting the importation of certain merchandise from Macao:

The Order reads:

Whereas shortly before the outbreak of the present European war large quantities of merchandise of enemy origin, manufacture or ownership were removed to Macao from Hong Kong to escape liquidation under the Alien Enemies (Winding Up) Ordinance, 1914:

And whereas there is reason for believing that attempts will be made by devious ways to re-import such merchandise into Hong Kong for the purpose of sale thereby conferring benefits on an enemy:

And whereas the merchandise of the descriptions set out hereunder is considered to be solely of enemy origin, manufacture or ownership and was not consigned to Macao according to the normal custom of trade:

Now in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, the Governor in Council makes the following prohibition:

No person shall import into the Colony from Macao any merchandise of the descriptions hereunder set out:

Provided that this prohibition shall not apply where a camera is brought into the Colony from Macao by a person who has after the 3rd day of September, 1939, taken such camera from Hong Kong to Macao for his personal use and who can produce the certificate of, or can otherwise satisfy, the Superintendent of Imports and Exports that such camera had so been taken by him to Macao.

MERCHANDISE ABOVE REFERRED TO

Aniline dyes and dyes of every other description and paint of every description;

Drugs, medicines and chemicals of every description;

Toilet requisites, cloth, glass and constructional steel bars;

Photographic apparatus and equipment, medical and surgical apparatus and instruments of every description;

Electrical apparatus and equipment of every description;

Machinery of every description;

Clocks, watches and jewellery of every description.

Hitler Bid For Peace Between Finland And Soviet

HINT OF OFFER OF MEDIATION BY THE REICH

Amsterdam, To-day.

HITLER, ACCORDING to latest indications, is keener than ever to see the end of the Finnish war.

His main reasons seem to be fear that help to Finland may develop into extension of the war in Western Europe and suspicion that Russia's Finnish adventure is seriously hampering the German-Russian trade negotiations.

The "Koelnische Zeitung" yesterday published a despatch from Stockholm dealing with the subject of mediation and peace in Finland.

The report says: "In Denmark and Sweden, and even in Finland, responsible circles are pointing out with renewed urgency that now is the right moment—a moment that may never recur—to resume the Finnish-Russian negotiations, possibly under mediation by a neighbouring power."

There is no mention of what attitude Russia is likely to take, but such a statement, appearing in the strictly controlled Nazi press, clearly reflects Germany's desire for peace in Finland.

It also confirms rumours that Hitler may openly propose himself as mediator between Finland and Russia.—Reuter.

HITLER BETWEEN TWO STOOLS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Daily express Amsterdam correspondent states that Hitler has offered his mediation in the Russo-Finnish conflict and encouraged M. Stalin to offer peace terms to Finland.

The Kremlin is alleged to have accepted Hitler's offer and has consented to negotiate and eventually call off its invasion of Finland provided the latter grants the Soviet naval bases in the Baltic, the use of the port of Petsamo and adjustment of the Russo-Finnish border.

THREE REASONS

Hitler's offer is due to three reasons: Firstly, the fear that the Allies may land troops in Scandinavia, if the Finnish war drags on;

Secondly, the Reich's desire to keep the goodwill of both Signor Mussolini and M. Stalin, which is difficult at present, since Italy openly sides with Finland, and

Thirdly, the cessation of hostilities would release for Germany Russian raw materials which the Soviet needs for her own use while the Finnish campaign is going on.—Havas.

D. O. (SOUTH)

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. George Stacy Kennedy-Skipton to act as District Officer in the Southern District of the New Territories in addition to his other duties, with effect from 12th January, 1940.

SOVIET TRANSPORT TROUBLES

Helsinki, To-day.

Russia is experiencing serious transport difficulties, judging from statements made by Russian prisoners.

Supplies, both for the front and Leningrad, are being held up. During the past two weeks there have been 10 railway accidents between Leningrad and the Karelian Isthmus, it is reported.

Only three of the many lines to Leningrad are believed capable of being used. Finnish military circles believe

FINNISH AIR RAID CASUALTIES

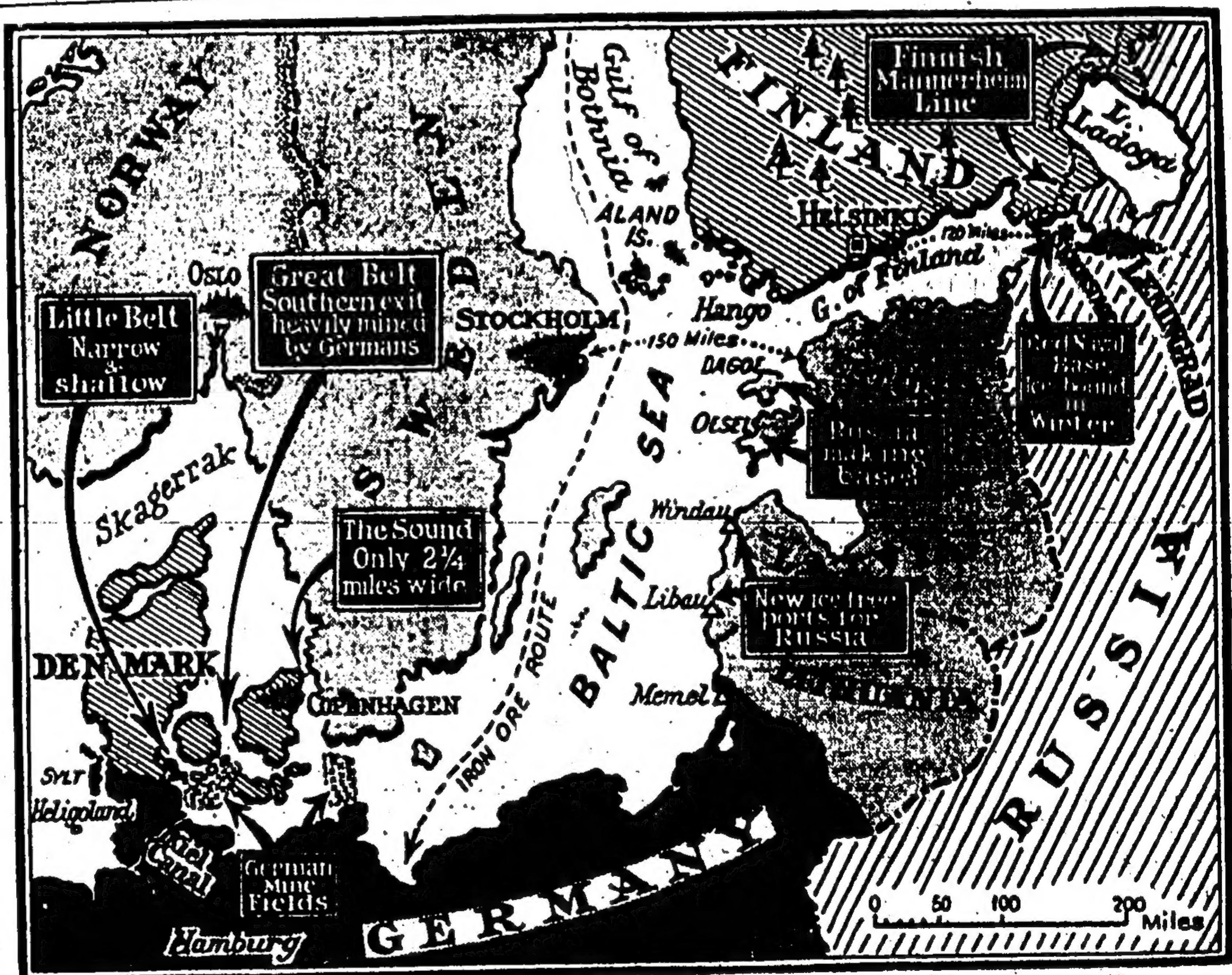
London, To-day.
The Finnish Legation in London announce that Finnish casualties in Russian air raids from the beginning of the war to January 9 total 234 killed, 269 seriously injured and 210 slightly injured.

The Legation states that the Finnish A.R.P. measures are proving very effective.—Reuter.

that the Soviet troops cut to pieces in the Suomussalmi sector were part of the OGPU (secret police) forces, which are so impressive at Moscow military reviews.

They were particularly well equipped and had a better knowledge of the ground than the troops previously employed.—Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Second Lieutenant Brian Alfred Fergus, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), to be his Honorary Aide-de-Camp, with effect from 10th January, 1940.



THE BOTTLE-NECK OF THE BALTIC

The strategic waterway of the moment is the small bottle-neck that leads into the Baltic Sea. For around that sea are rich economic prizes: Finland with its vast forests, cellulose and paper industries, Sweden with its iron ore (for Nazi guns), and Denmark with its agricultural products, to name only three of the eight countries whose shores are washed by the Baltic.

How to get into the Baltic from the North Sea? There are four channels: the Kiel Canal, which belongs to Germany; the Great and Little Belts, under Danish sovereignty; The Sound, controlled jointly by Denmark and Sweden.

You can ignore the Little Belt, since it is hardly more than a river, especially as it is spanned by a bridge completed in 1935. So if Britain ever wished to force an entry into the Baltic, our fleet would have to pass through the Great Belt or the Sound.

The Sound is the shortest way and it is the most frequently used trade route, and nearly as much tonnage passes through there as through the Suez or Panama. Regard the Sound, then, as the Suez of the North.

However, the Sound is shallow, and, in consequence, barred to all very large ships. Therefore, the only way by which we could take a fleet, including battleships, into the Baltic is through the Great Belt. But the Great Belt is controlled by Denmark.

So it's no easy task forcing the Baltic, though you may recall that in the last war Admiral "Jackie" Fisher believed it could be done, and considered it a better proposition than Gallipoli. Indeed, he quarrelled with Winston Churchill on that issue.

Until recently, Nazi Germany was the overlord of this inland sea by virtue of her size, her trade, and her navy.

Then Stalin stretched out to bathe also as an overlord in the Baltic. First he forced a pact on little Estonia, the opening phase of a struggle for the mastery of this sea.

That "pact" rid Stalin of the nightmare of the Soviet Fleet one day being bottled up in the Gulf of Finland, for naval and air bases on the Estonia coast give the Russians command of the northern Baltic.

At the same time, the pact gave him the island of Oesel, putting another small country, Latvia, at his mercy, for it commands the entrance to the Gulf of Riga.

So he began to put the screw on Latvia, forced another "pact" by which Latvia had to lease him the port of Libau. He intends to fortify it and let it take the place of Kronstadt, the present Soviet naval base outside Leningrad.

That will relieve Stalin of a lot of worry too, for Leningrad is ice-bound for five months in the year, while Libau is generally ice free in the winter.

Too is the natural Baltic problem. The relatively fresh water surface of the Baltic freezes over large coastal stretches, though in many parts ice-breakers make ordinary navigation possible.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

"QUEER WAR"

Some say that this is a "queer war" because it finds us with nothing to look back on like the stubborn retreat from Mons, Le Cateau, or the First Battle of Ypres—or, for that matter and in spite of the valiant seamanship that rounded up and ended the Graf Spee, not much that looks like so decisive a stroke at sea as the encounters of the Dogger Bank, Coronel, or the Falklands Islands in the last half of 1914. But all the time a ruthless and determined enemy has been striking not where he would but where he can, and even in this last fortnight has taken to machine-gunning from the air the crews of unarmed trawlers and coasting vessels. The men of the Royal Navy and the mercantile marine have sustained and are sustaining a battle more decisive than the Somme, and the fact that Goering's boasted Luftwaffe should be reduced to sniping non-combatants from the air shows which way Germany thinks that the tide of battle turns. Other tests lie before us, but the sea affair moves neither to Germany's credit nor to her success. We may, by the map, look more vulnerable, but the prospect is fairer than any Herr Hitler can find from the Berchtesgaden gazebo whose approaching tunnels, as a French Ambassador has just reminded us, are decorated, now and at any time, with machine-gun nests rather than with holly.—"Manchester Guardian."

POPE'S FIVE POINTS

Of the Pope's five points the one that is likely in the future to set the most urgent and intricate task for the architects of reconstruction is the third, in which he writes of the need for creating or reconstituting international institutions. Beyond question the ultimate task that awaits the nations, neutral and belligerent alike, after the immediate injustices have been set right, is the building up of a new international system capable of succeeding where the League of Nations has failed and of preventing the acts of injustice and violence that give rise to war. In the last War many, perhaps most, fought with some vague hope and expectation of ultimately restoring the world they had known before 1914. That hope was not and could not have been fulfilled; and to-day we have learnt not to think on those lines. The Europe of 1939 is gone for ever, and few will regret it; whatever is built out of the ruins will be a very different and, we must hope, a finer structure. In creating an international order capable of perpetuating peace we must be prepared for far-reaching changes; and it may well be that the national sovereign state, as Europe has known it for four hundred years, will consent to modifications hitherto regarded as impracticable. It is right that, even while we grapple with the stern order before us, some minds at least should be concentrated on working out those problems that lie far ahead. The immediate task for 1940 is the bitter fight with an unrelenting, ruthless and formidable adversary, but we can face it with a higher courage and a deeper sense of vision if our hearts are set on the ultimate achievement of a juster world.—"The Times."

GERMANY AND FINLAND

If, as is probable, Germany, in the event of victory in this war, looked forward to a war with Russia to recover her lost influence in the Eastern Baltic, Finland would be invaluable to her. For that reason Russia's war with Finland has from the first been unpopular, not only with many orthodox Nazis, but with the leaders of military thought in Germany, who still look to the east as the natural field of expansion. When, in addition, this war, in which Stalin expected a victory as easy as Hitler's over Austria and Czechoslovakia, has produced a revelation of incompetence in high places which has gone far to destroy the Russian military legend, every Russian disaster must serve to weaken the German faith in the political ability of Hitler. To have been capable of so little against a Power with only one-fortieth of her population must bring home to every German the folly of the Russian agreement which caused Hitler to make the gamble of a war with Britain and France.

It is, indeed, far too early to speak of the war in Finland as though it had already ended in the defeat of Russia. But already the Russians have suffered defeat which has damaged the prestige of their Government; and the more men Russia mobilises the greater the risk of a Russian revolution. The Communism which was made by Russian military defeats and by the revelation of the incompetence of the old regime might conceivably be unmade by the same causes. How often the German military mind must have reflected that, but for the agreement, what has happened in Finland might have given her an excellent opportunity of becoming the real master in a counter-revolutionary policy.—"Sunday Times."

SHANGHAI BOOM

It ought to be kept in mind, also, that the local industrial boom and trade improvements depended, in the first half of 1939, chiefly upon the Chinese foreign exchange allotments unearned by Shanghai, and later largely resulted from the devaluation of the Chinese dollar. Many huge profits and revenue increases amount to little, or entirely disappear when local currency figures are converted into foreign exchange. Many business value increases concur with volume decreases. Despite the boom on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, there are very few shares in which long-term investment paid better than ample flight into American currency. Also, the big business profits did not benefit Shanghai as whole. Recent Shanghai manufacturing and export successes decisively depended upon the extremely cheap labour of Shanghai, which during the past five months has been further cheapened by the refusal of big business to readjust nominal wages and salaries to the increased level of prices. The cost of living throughout 1939 increased far more than nominal wages were permitted to rise. To a considerable extent, Shanghai big business profited from increased exploitation of labour. The recent industrial strikes, the rice riots, and the 20 beggars who during every night since Christmas Eve expired from exhaustion on Shanghai streets are bad signs. The masses of the Shanghai people, China's big and forlornest, will start upon 1940 in decidedly more miserable living conditions than twelve months ago when they greeted 1939 as a happy New Year.—"China Weekly Review."

THIS ENGLAND

Sir,—Speaking about the so-called "corbilles," I must agree with "23 Years Old." We must wonder where our Empire and all that is dear to us would be, if such men as Nelson, Wellington, Allenby, Kitchener, and Lord Haig had been "corbilled."—"Ipswich Evening Star" and "Daily Herald."

HELSINKI AIR RAIDS

Conclusions Drawn By American Journalist

ADVANTAGES OF THE RUSSIANS

(From LELAND STOWE)

DURING THE PAST few day I witnessed several air raid alarms at Helsinki and was able to draw interesting conclusions.

The first air raid on Helsinki in seventeen days was attempted by Russian planes on December 19th. The sirens sounded at 11.25 a.m. and the Finnish anti-aircraft batteries started firing almost simultaneously. No Red bombers were visible over the centre of the capital and as far as can yet be learned, no bombs fell in the city itself.

It is reported that four Red pursuit planes approached the naval and coastal defences on the city's outskirts. Apparently they were driven off with great dispatch, for the firing lasted only a few minutes. This was one of the clearest days Helsinki has had for weeks and a beautiful sunrise gave warning that an air raid might be expected.

When the alarm sounded hundreds of people in the streets ran helter-skelter for the air-raid refuges and the doorways. At that moment I was dictating my dispatch to Amsterdam but the communications were cut off before I could more than state that an air raid was on. The Finnish police kept the pedestrians off the streets with great severity. They refused to honour war correspondents' credentials and one policeman prevented Warren Irvin, the National Broadcasting Company's representative, from leaving his hotel and going to the radio station three blocks away. The all-clear signal was sounded at 12.15.

ON THE ALERT

Close on the heels of the Red bomber's raids on three of Finland's four largest cities the air sirens shrilled again at 10 o'clock in the morning of December 20th, but the "all-clear" was sounded fifteen minutes later without any anti-aircraft guns being heard here. Nevertheless another day of partial sunshine with a lightly clouded sky is keeping the Finnish air defence forces very much on the alert.

It is now three weeks since Soviet Russia started the war against little Finland, and for three weeks the Bolshevik invaders have been fought to a standstill. Smarting under their failure to win a single impressive victory, the Communist leaders are throwing in nearly 100,000 men. Four Red Army Corps are attacking savagely on as many fronts and the fiercest fighting, with unprecedented artillery bombardments, has occurred since Monday in the Karelian Isthmus. There, the Seventh Red Army Corps again failed to crash the centre of the Mannerheim Line near Lake Muolau.

SYNCHRONISATION

Now, however, the Russian strategy seems to be to synchronise heavy infantry attacks with a series of air raids along the Finnish coasts. Three important cities—Vilpuri, Helsinki and Aabo—were all raided on December 19th, together with Provoo and Hango. Three raids were reported on Aabo, where two houses were fired by incendiary bombs, and one person injured. The officials say that nearly 20 Red air-planes, all flying very high, attacked in the vicinity of Helsinki on December 19th and dropped 32 bombs within six miles of the city limits.

DEFINITION

Blitzkrieg.—Sudden and terrifying German attack which never strikes at the same place once.

The Raiders apparently mistook a large open field for an airport and unloaded most of their explosives where a crow was the only casualty. The bombs used varied from fifty and a hundred-pound sizes to several very powerful ones, which must have weighed about 600 pounds, but no damage was done.

FINNISH DIFFICULTY

For the Finns the chief difficulty of these air raids lies in the fact that Vilpuri and Helsinki are directly on the Gulf of Finland, and the Russian bombers—which have less than a twenty-minute flight to and from their bases in Estonia—can come in from a high altitude with their motors throttled, consequently the enemy raiders can be almost over these coastal cities before the alarm is sounded, and the populations have less than five minutes warning in which to seek shelter. If the weather should permit the Reds to raid regularly, they will be able to disrupt civilian life considerably, though this will probably only infuriate the Finns and strengthen their already fixed determination to fight to the end.

PLANES HELD UP

I learned here from Finnish sources that the German Government, apparently under the pressure of Moscow, held up all but two of a shipment of 25 very modern and fast Fiat pursuit planes, which were bought from Italy before the war began. These planes are capable of a speed of 350 miles per hour, and would be an immense aid to the Finns in fighting off the Red invaders at the present time. By the original agreement Berlin consented to let the Italians ship the Fiats across Germany to Sweden, where they would be consigned to an Italian agent. Ten Fiats were believed to have been shipped from Germany recently, but when the crates were delivered at Stockholm, eight of them were empty, the remaining 15 Fiats had not left Germany.



Cary Grant and Jean Arthur are interrupted by an angry Rita Hayworth in this dramatic scene from Columbia's "Only Angels Have Wings," now current at the King's Theatre. Grant and Miss Arthur are co-starred in the film, a spectacular Howard Hawks production of aviation adventure and romance in South America.

MADemoiselle WAS SO STRAIT-LACED

London January 2.

"The real Mademoiselle from Armentieres was very strait-laced and stood no nonsense from the troops.

"All she did was to serve us fellows in the A.S.C. with beer from behind the bar, and we could not even steal a kiss."

The man who said this yesterday should know, for he is Mr. Reginald Rowland, who wrote the original song. He is now manager of a Sutton, Surrey, cinema.

Mr. Rowland said he was a sergeant, aged 27, when he wrote the world-famous song during a rest period in billets behind the line in Flanders in 1915.

"Mademoiselle" was not at all the sort of girl some of the lurid parodied versions invented by the troops later made her out to be," he added.

"I wrote the ditty round a story the troops were telling at the time of how a Canadian colonel got his face slapped for trying to take a liberty.

The girl was Marie Lecoq, a waitress at the Cafe de la Paix, Rue de la Gare.

"Now she is Madame Marceaux, a grandmother, aged 49, and still lives in Armentieres. She married after the war the young French soldier to whom she was already engaged in August 1914."

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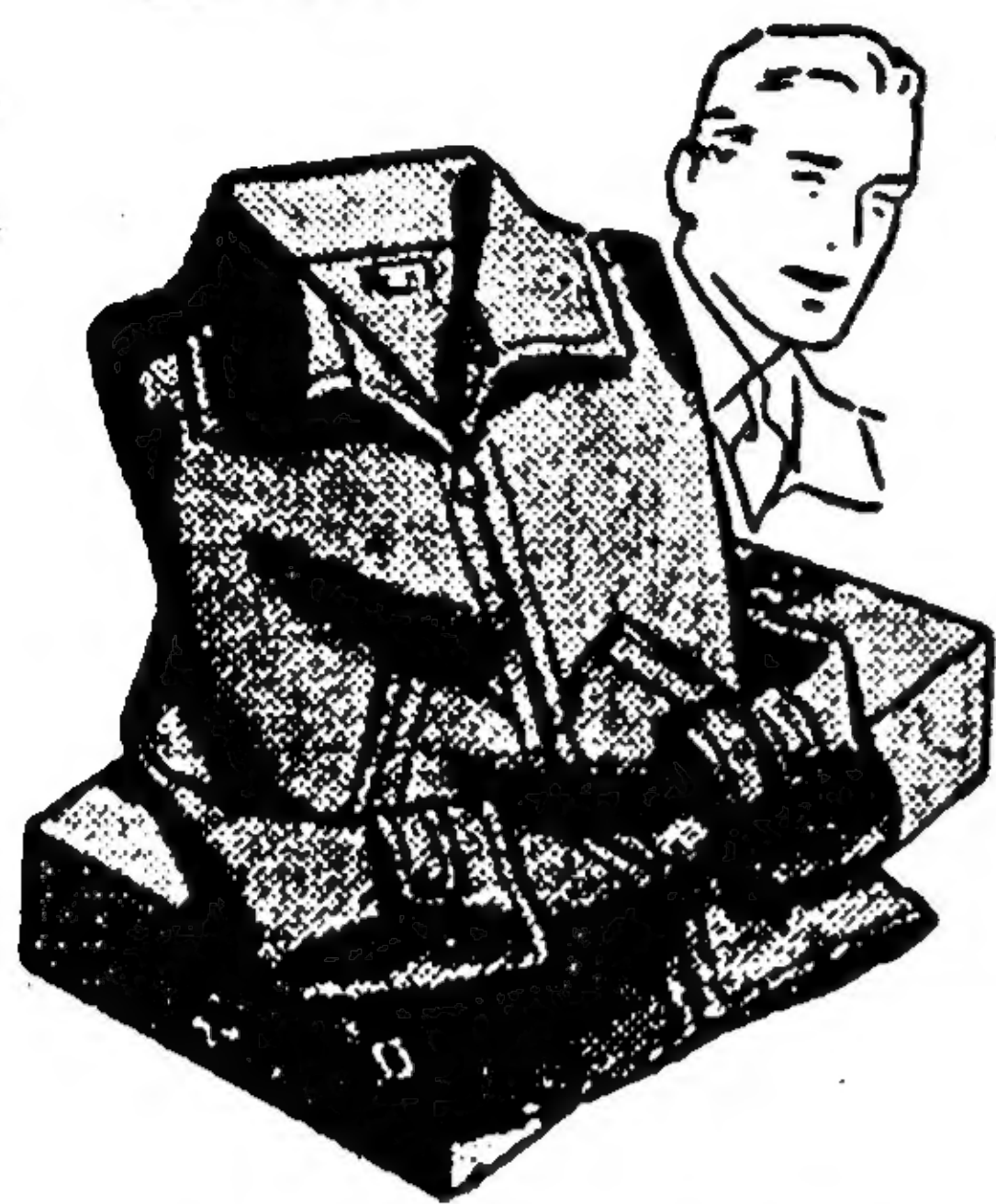
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NEW AERO ENGINE UNIT

London, To-day.

Aircraft research in Britain has been speeded up since the outbreak of the war.

A new type of engine unit has been evolved which can be removed for repair or overhaul very rapidly. Another development is a new type of long-range fighter plane which is now in production, but so far has only been seen by experts and a few M.P.s.—Reuter.

BRISK TRADING ON LONDON MARKET

London, To-day.

There was early brisk trading on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

The market subsequently became quieter but home rails were firm on reports of good freight traffic, while there was a fair selective demand for Kaffirs.

Wall Street was easier.—Reuter.

NO JAPANESE DEMARCHÉ TO FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese Embassy spokesman yesterday confirmed that Japan had

SUPPLIES TO TURKEY FOR RELIEF

London, To-day.

The British Government's offer to send over £20,000 in supplies for Turkish relief has been accepted.

In addition to £25,000 from the British Government, the earthquake victims will receive medical supplies, blankets and enough soup, flour and dried provisions to keep 2,000 people for two months.—Reuter.

NORWAY TO TRAIN

Oslo, To-day.

Plans for voluntary military drill were announced by King Haakon when he opened the Norwegian Parliament yesterday.

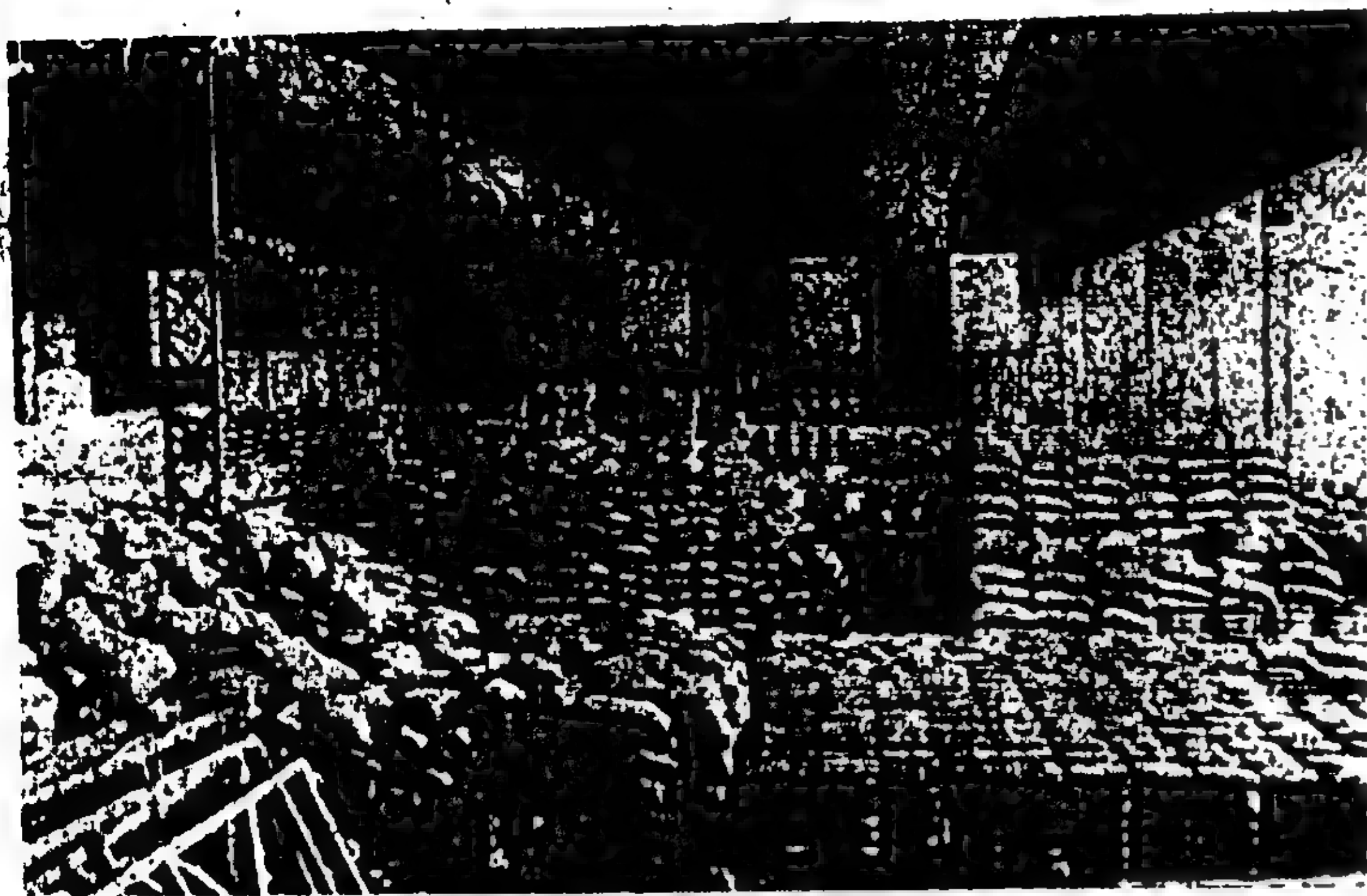
He stressed the desire of all to keep Scandinavia out of war and said that Norway would do everything possible by means of negotiation with other neutral countries.—Reuter.

never made a demarché to France regarding the transport of arms to China by the Yunnan railway.—Havas.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





Bale upon bale, sack upon sack, contraband cargo seized by the Allies is stacked deep in this godown, one of the many housing the goods captured by French naval units since the outbreak of the war.



Two detachments of Mechanized Transport Training Corps, which is an independent unit of women drivers, are to be sent over to France in the near future. The M.T.T.C. now has 600 recruits, who are unpaid and are trained in driving, mechanics, and repairs and Army training. They were inspected the other day by French Officers. Photo shows Comm. Coulon, assistant French Military Attache inspecting the girls accompanied by Mrs. G. M. Cook, O.B.E. their Comp. Commandant. (Copyright, Fox).

AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME

Washington, To-day.
The United States Navy may seek authority to build cruisers over 10,000 tons, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, told the House of Representatives committee on naval affairs yesterday.

Admiral Stark also revealed that the Navy is planning, under the proposed expansion programme, to increase the size of aircraft carriers from 20,000 to 23,000 or 24,000 tons.

In connection with his remarks about larger cruisers, Admiral Stark disclosed that the United States Navy believed the existing legislation restricted it to treaty size for all but battleships.

He declared the question was being studied, and if the Navy found that special legislation was necessary, it would request it.

SUBMARINES

Representatives Jenks (New Hampshire) complained that the proposed naval expansion programme did not include sufficient submarines.

He asserted that Soviet Russia, Germany and Italy alone had 368 submarines, compared with the United States' 48.

Admiral Stark replied that the United States Navy had 65 submarines and although about half were over

BALKAN ROYALTY CONFER

Bucharest, To-day.
King Carol of Rumania and Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, meet on the frontier on Thursday. It is assumed that they wanted to exchange views as partners in the Balkan Entente on the recent talks in Venice between the Hungarian and Italian Foreign Ministers.

Both Italian and Hungarian sources have made it clear that their Ministers were determined to resist any Soviet penetration in the Balkans.

Rumania's position is believed to have been particularly discussed, as she is faced with possible Soviet claims for Bessarabia in the east and Hungarian claims for Transylvania in the west.

Some reports suggest that although Hungary has not given up her claims, she does not desire to press them and thus weaken Balkan resistance to Soviet penetration.—Reuter.

age all were "sea-going" and capable of operating far from their bases and staying at sea for extended periods.

Naval officials stated that the pending programme would authorize about 28 additional submarines, and another 14 would be built under the existing law.—Reuter.

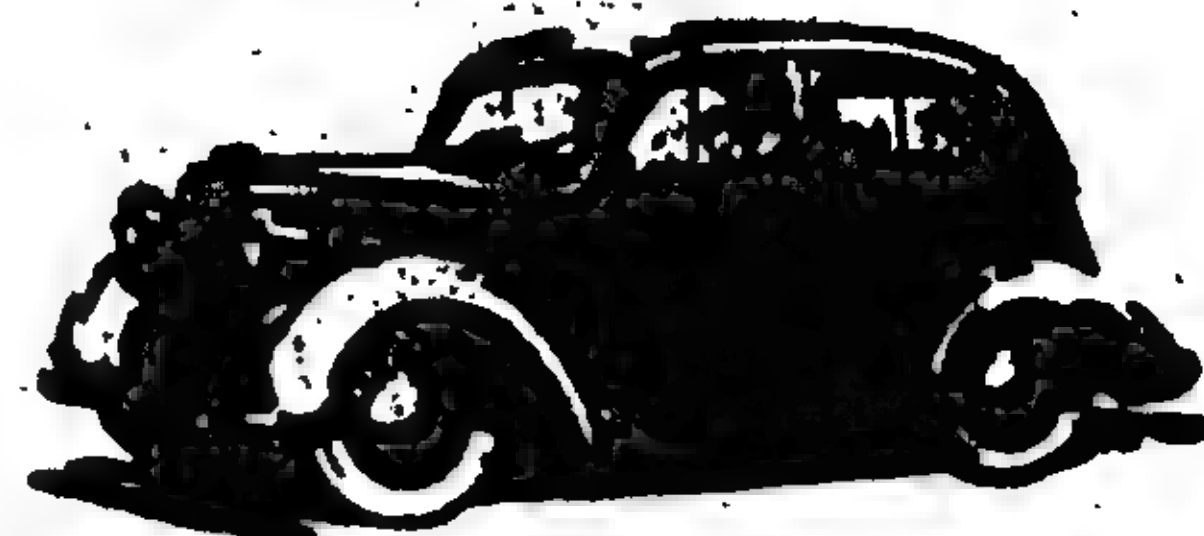
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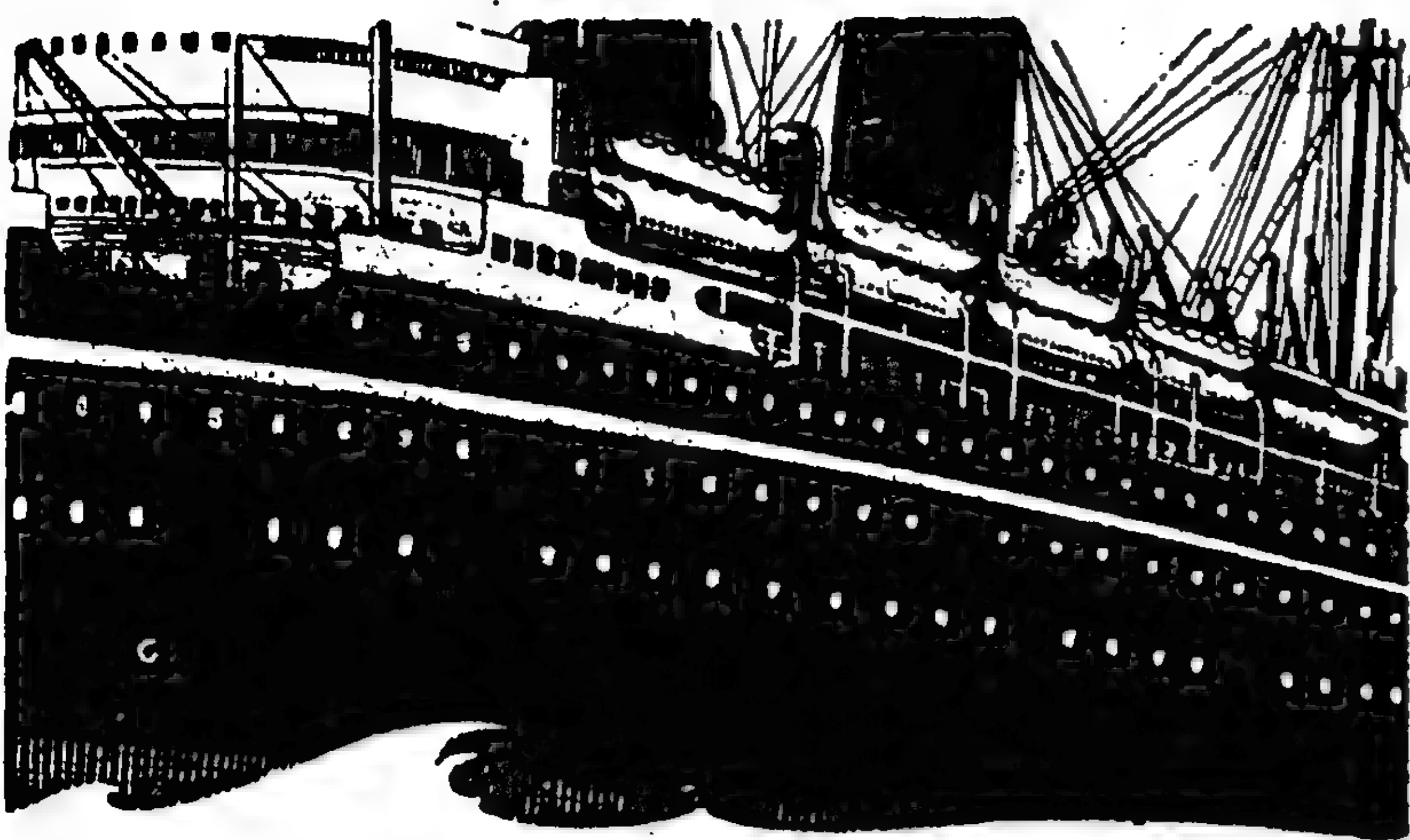
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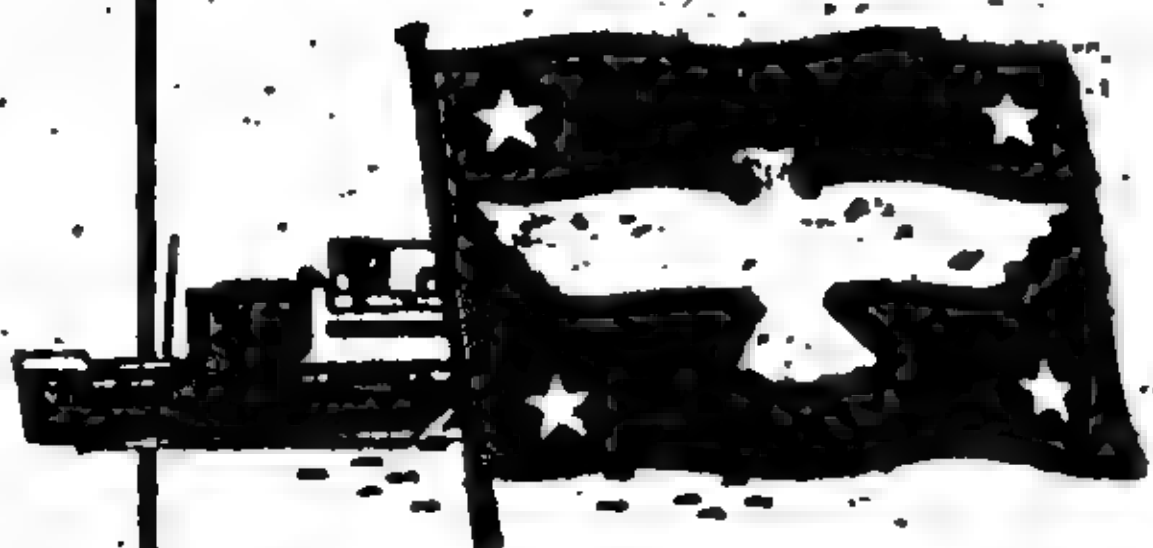
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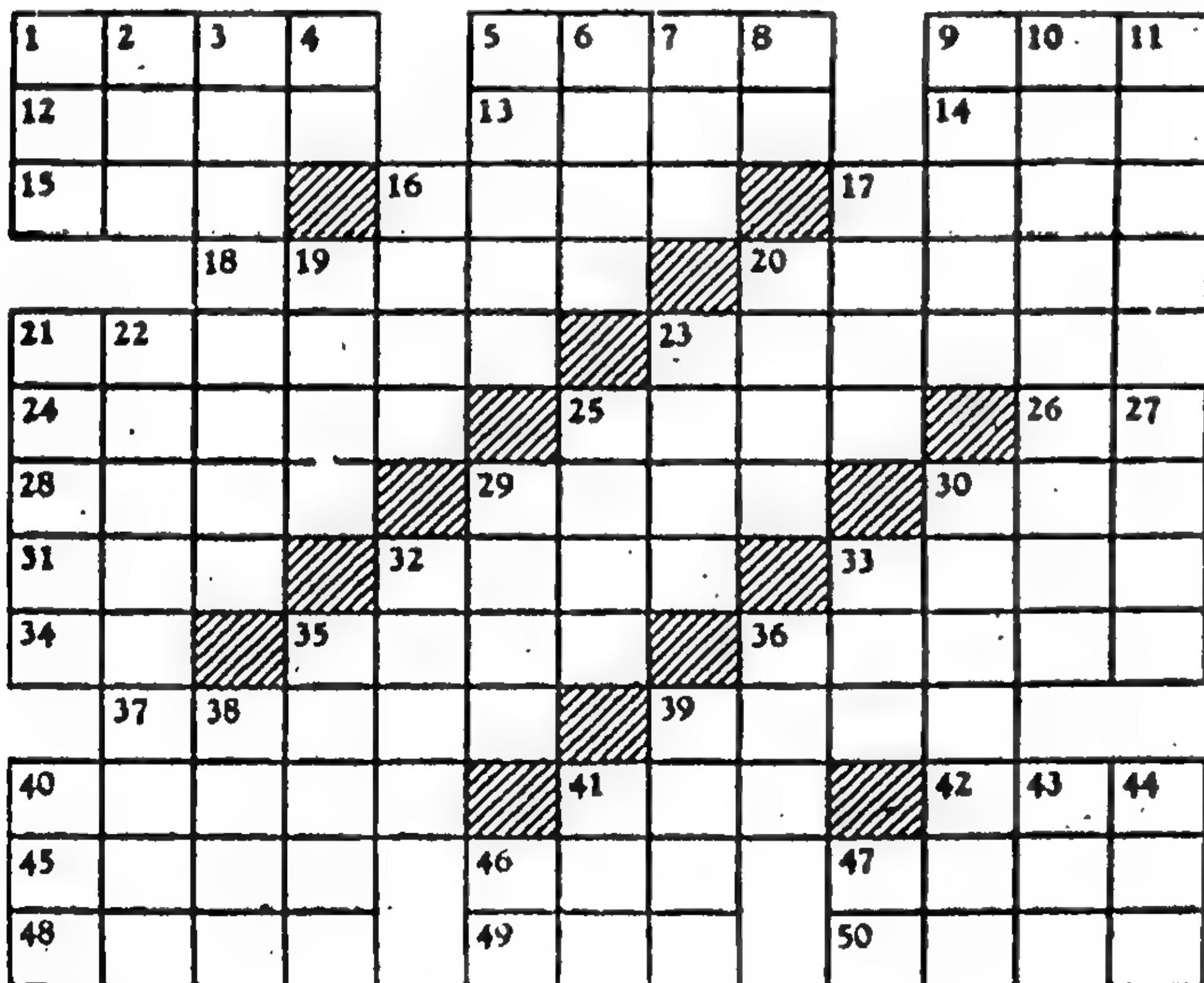
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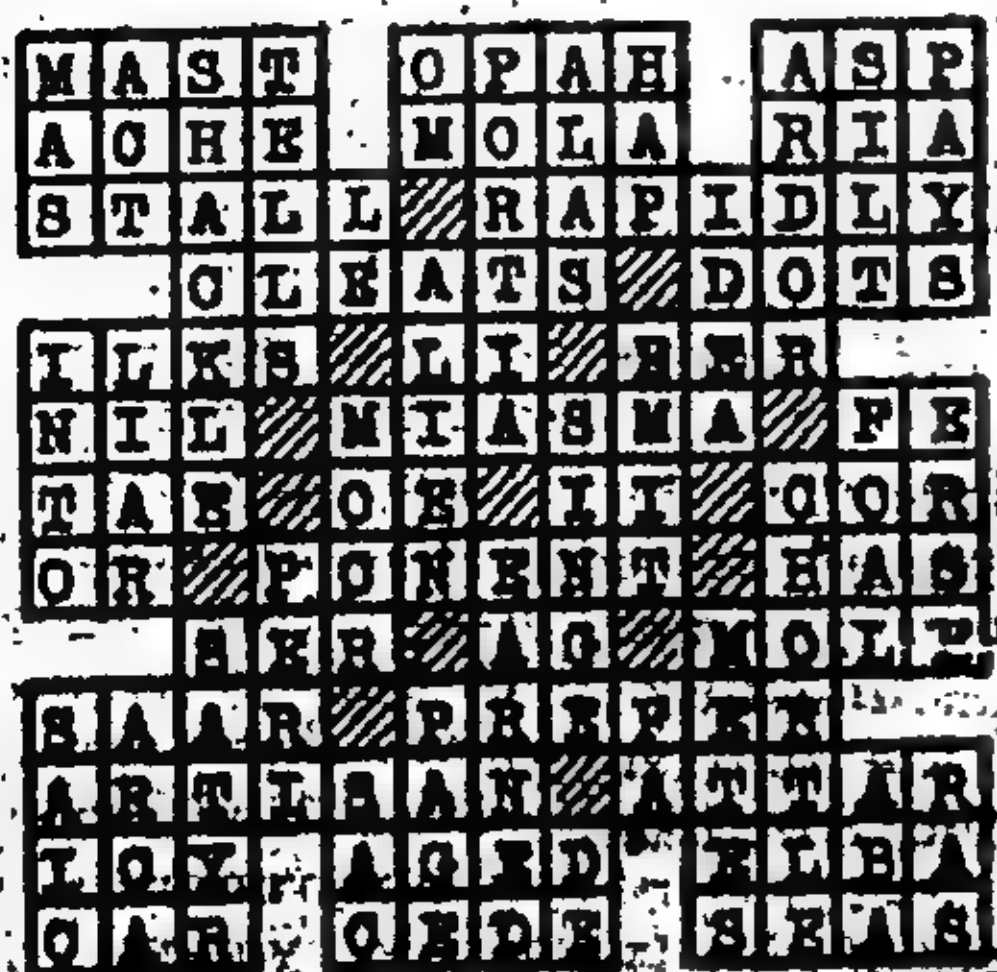
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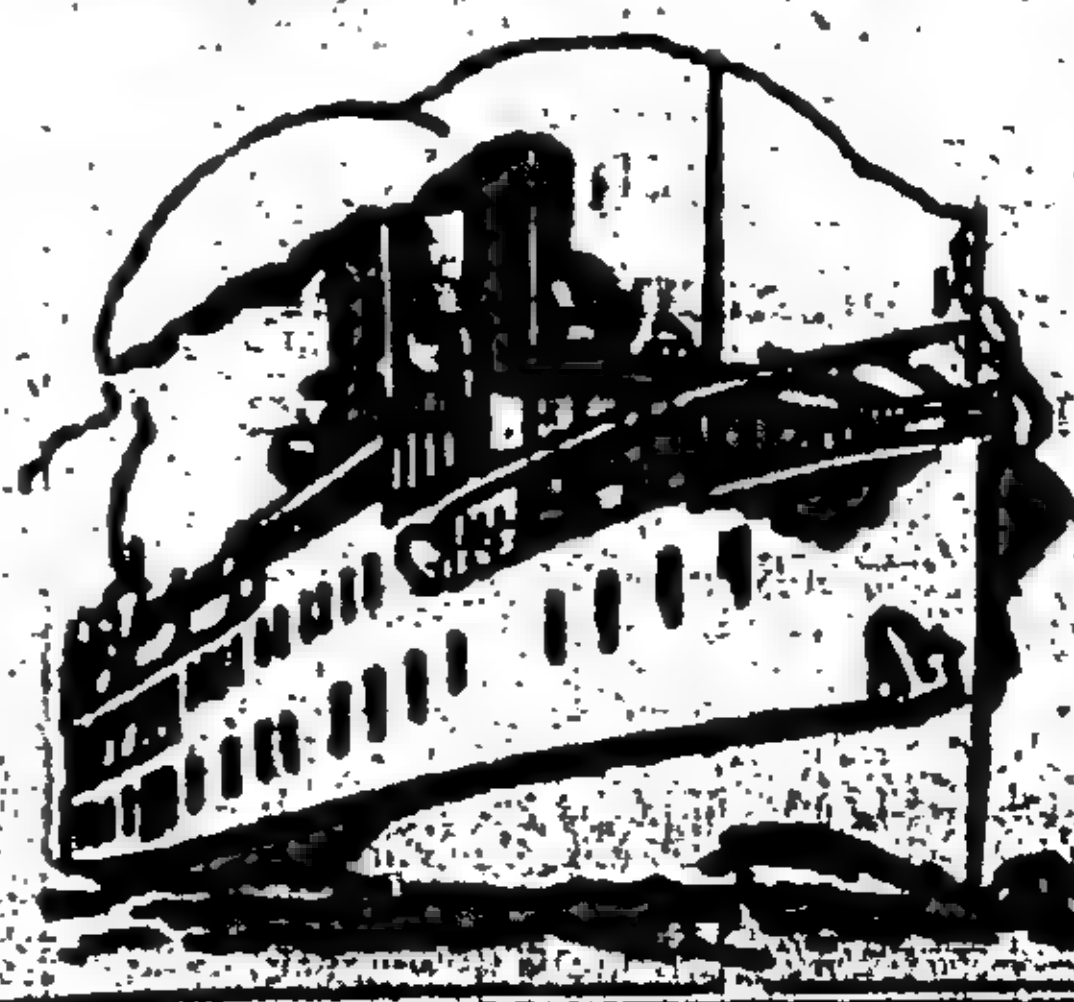
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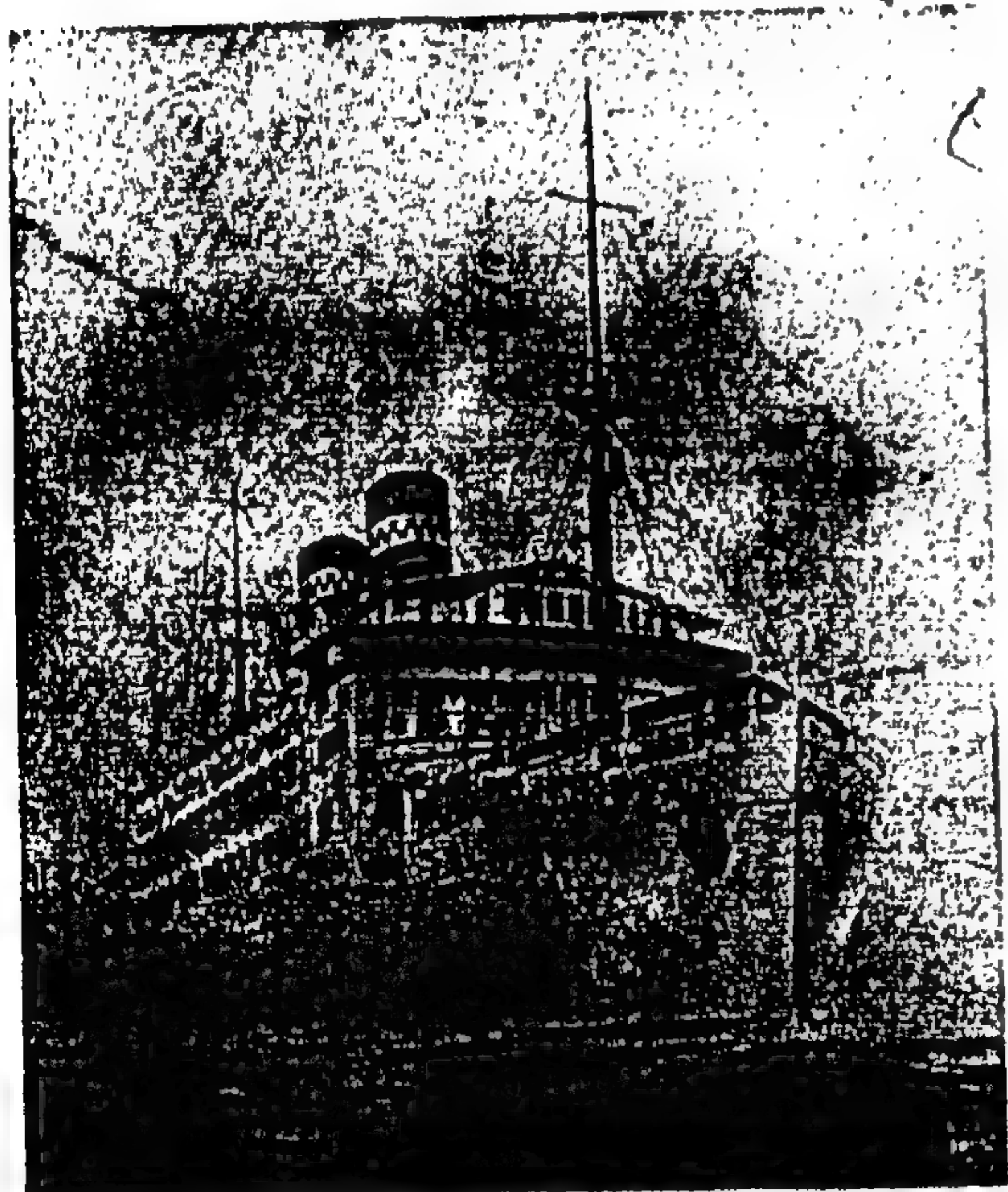
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27:—Army v. K.C.C. (Sookunpoo), H.K.C.C. v. University (H.K.C.C.), I.R.C. v. Craigengower (Sookunpoo).

February 3:—K.C.C. v. University (K.C.C.), I.R.C. v. Recreio (Sookunpoo).

10:—Recreio v. Civil Service (King's Park), Army v. H.K.C.C. (Sookunpoo).

17:—Civil Service v. K.C.C. (Happy Valley), Army v. I.R.C. (Sookunpoo), Craigengower v. University (Happy Valley), H.K.C.C. v. Recreio (H.K.C.C.).

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30:—K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C. (K.C.C.), Army v. Civil Service (Sookunpoo).

"B" DIVISION

January 8:—H.K.C.C. v. Army (H.K.C.C.); K.C.C. v. I.R.C. (K.C.C.); Recreio v. Civil Service (King's Park).

13:—University v. K.C.C. (Pokfulam); Recreio v. Police R.C. (King's Park); I.R.C. v. H.K.C.C. (Sookunpoo); Army v. Craigengower (Sookunpoo).

20:—Civil Service v. H.K.C.C. (Happy Valley); Craigengower v. K.C.C. (Happy Valley); Police v. Army (Happy Valley); Recreio v. University (King's Park).

27:—K.C.C. v. Army (K.C.C.); Civil Service v. University (Happy Valley).

February 3:—Recreio v. Army (King's Park); University v. I.R.C. (Pokfulam).

10:—Craigengower v. Recreio (Happy Valley); H.K.C.C. v. Police (H.K.C.C.); Civil Service v. Army (Happy Valley).

17:—K.C.C. v. Civil Service (K.C.C.); I.R.C. v. Army (Sookunpoo); University v. Police (Pokfulam); Recreio v. H.K.C.C. (King's Park).

24:—Craigengower v. University (Happy Valley); Police v. I.R.C. (Happy Valley).

March 2:—K.C.C. v. Recreio (K.C.C.); H.K.C.C. v. University (H.K.C.C.); Police v. Civil Service (Happy Valley); Craigengower v. I.R.C. (Happy Valley).

9:—K.C.C. v. Police (K.C.C.).

16:—Police v. Craigengower (Happy Valley); Civil Service v. I.R.C. (Happy Valley).

23:—H.K.C.C. v. Craigengower (H.K.C.C.); Recreio v. I.R.C. (King's Park).

30:—Civil Service v. Craigengower (Happy Valley); H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C. (H.K.C.C.).

R.A.F. v. C.S.C.C.

It is notified that the match between the R.A.F. and Civil Service arranged for to-day will be played on the latter's ground instead of at King's Park as previously advertised.

**"BRITISH
GOOD
HUMOUR"**

The Swedish newspapers continue to praise Britain for the improvements recently achieved in the control of neutral vessels taken into British ports.

"Svenaka Tagbladet" says that the inspection is daily becoming more and more speedy and "is carried out with typical British good humour."

So severe has become the danger from German mines on the Swedish coast that all shipping north of Gothenburg had to be stopped. Forty drifting mines were seen at once on one point of the Swedish coast.

**SWINGING
SPEED**

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

140 feet per second. That is the clubhead velocity achieved by golf's premier long driver, Jimmy Thomson. He reaches this speed a mere fraction of a second before impact and some estimate of this rapidity may be determined by glancing at the various clubhead positions in the above illustration. Each position is taken at intervals of one-one hundredth of a second apart.

At the moment of impact the clubhead is travelling at a rate of 137 feet a second and this has, at times, given the ball a ride of some 350 yards down the fairway. Immediately upon impact, the clubhead speed is reduced a matter of 35 feet per second so that the start of the follow through is made at a rate of 102 feet per second. In the meantime the ball is soaring through the air at 194 feet per. Mr. Thomson's follow through is considerably faster than the ordinary golfer's speed at impact.

Monday.—Keep Body Head down.

**BEST BEHAVED
ARMY EVER**

Behaviour of new Militiamen, of whom there are nearly 250,000, has been so perfect that only three have "been in serious trouble."

Mr. Lees-Smith, M. P. for the West Riding, Kelghley, in the House said that the War Office recently sent out an inquiry to their various commands asking what were the conditions of discipline among the new Militiamen.

"It is found," said Mr. Lees-Smith "that the number of serious offences among these Militiamen could be counted on the fingers of one hand."

"They amounted, I believe, to three."

"It is really an incredible record which is without precedent among tens of thousands of men for that length of time in the British Army."

"It is a test and justification of the schools of this country within the last ten years."

**B.B.C. "MORALISING
SCHOOLMASTER"**

"It always seems to me that the presentation of B.B.C. news sounds as though it has been prepared by a moralising schoolmaster for a class of boys under twelve years of age."

This was one of the criticisms made in London by Miss Florence Underwood, secretary of the Women's Freedom League, replying to an address by Mrs. Elise Sprott, B.B.C. Women's Public Relations Officer.

Miss Underwood would like to see the B.B.C. controlled entirely by women. "How these men talk," she said, "it talking would win the war, we should have won it before this."

Miss Underwood appealed for better programmes for young people. Two of her young friends had expressed the wish for fewer dyes and pompous talks and more dance music.

REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

A DOUGHNUT SHOWS THE WAY

On the afternoon of Oct. 26, 1918, a team of horses, with a vegetable wagon, ran into a farm yard in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The driver, who was doubled up on the seat, tumbled backward. It was found that he was unconscious a pistol wound in his side. He was rushed to the Pottsville Hospital, where he was identified as Daniel Wagner, a well-to-do farmer of the section.

His possessions were found to be intact, including a well-filled wallet which held the proceeds of the sale of his produce. How and when and why he was shot was a mystery. During a few minutes of consciousness he said he had fallen asleep on the way home from market and the horses jogged on as they often had before. Suddenly he felt a sharp pain in his side and dimly saw a figure in the roadway. That was all remembered until he recovered consciousness in the hospital.

As the victim was at the point of death the Pennsylvania State Police were summoned. First Sergeant Snyder, with an assistant, took over the investigation. They wasted no time and, with the aid of searchlights, traversed the road that had been covered by the runaway team. Presently they came to deep hoofmarks which satisfied Snyder that they were at the point where the horses had taken fright and had begun to run wild.

Making a thorough search of each side of the road, they found a brown bucket containing a doughnut—with a piece bitten out of it. Obviously some one had suddenly dropped the doughnut. A further search revealed

By
GEORGE BARTON

a piece of white cotton cloth with two holes out in the centre. Putting two and two together, Snyder decided that it was an improvised mask that had been used by the man who had shot the farmer.

On the following day Snyder visited the nearest town, located the baker shop where the doughnuts had been purchased. The baker was able to give a good description of his customer. He said he was a Negro, over six feet high. He had bought enough doughnuts to fill the brown bucket. Next they found the little trimming store where the white cloth had been purchased. The description of her patron given by the woman corresponded precisely with that given by the baker.

Snyder next consulted the records of the State Police and found that the description tallied with that of Harvey Hillson, who had been sent to prison some years before on a charge of highway robbery. He discovered also that the convict had been released from prison only the day before the shooting of Farmer Wagner. The runaway horses alone had prevented the robbery.

Snyder promptly called on the old mother of the Negro, in the belief that the steps of the convict would instinctively lead him home. As he entered the front door a man ran from the rear. A general alarm went out. All of the State Police available were summoned to join in the man-hunt. They were supplemented by the farmers of the vicinity, bent on retribution.

In the end the fugitive was traced to the edge of a swamp. The police were armed and the farmers carried rope. They had resolved to give the slayer a taste of Judge Lynch's justice. But Snyder waved them all back. He announced that he was going into the swamp ALONE. It seemed foolhardy, but he could not be awayed from his purpose.



It was dark in that swamp, but Snyder presently found a pair of bright eyes peering at him. The owner had a pistol in his hands, but was so terrified at the sight of the State policeman that he was unable to use it. The officer brought his prisoner out of the swamp and placed him in an automobile in spite of the clamoring farmers who wanted to

TURKISH DELEGATION IN SOFIA

Sofia, To-day.

A luncheon was given by the Bulgarian Foreign Minister yesterday in honour of the Secretary-General of the Turkish Foreign Ministry and members of the Turkish trade delegation which has been visiting in London and Paris.

The delegation arrived in Sofia on Thursday evening and is expected to have talks with the Bulgarian Minister of Commerce.—Reuter.

hang the culprit. He succeeded in placing him in jail unharmed.

The evidence in the case was so overwhelming that Hillson was promptly convicted. In the meantime Wagner had recovered so that the sentence of 12 years in the penitentiary was the limit allowed by law. It was another feather in the cap of Sergeant Snyder and fresh glory for the Pennsylvania State Police.

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WITTY Kitty



When asked who the new-comer reminded her of the mentally sketchy girl-friend said that man to whom she had promised the next dance.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) and the Orchestre Raymonde. A Electric Girl (Helmburgh-Holmes); A Night On The Waves (Finnish Waltz—Koskimaa)...The Orchestre Raymonde. Love's Song Is Sung (Salmon & Russell); Looking For You (Taylor & Sanderson)...Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Piano. Only A Rose (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml); Song of the Vagabonds (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml)...Orchestre Raymonde.
A House Love Made For You and Me (Johnstone & E. Coates); Stars and A Crescent Moon (Black & E. Coates)...Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Violin Cello and Piano.

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Berceuse (Jarnfeldt)...Orchestre Raymonde.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"Flying High" Part I. Written and arranged by Alan Russell and Charles Brewer.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—TANGOS AND WALTZES.

Waltzes—Raisins and Almonds (Goldfaden—arr. Phil Green); Rehearsing A Lullaby (Goodhart-Hoffman)...Phil Green & His Rhythm with Vocal Refrain.
Tangos—Jingle Bells (Bohr); Twilight (Donato)...Argentine Tango Orchestra.
Waltzes—Mountain Life (Stucki); Oh, Isabella (Teich)...Tessin Band.
Tangos—A Farewell Letter (Lesso-Valerio); A Love Letter (Lesso-Valerio)...Helm Huppertz & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Throw Open Wide Your Window (J. Strauss—Stanley); Espana Waltz (Waldteufel)...Sydney Kye & His Piccadilly Hotel Band.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—BEETHOVEN—Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata"). Rudolf Serkin (Piano).
6.26 p.m.—WAGNER—"Rienzi" Overture and Excerpts from his Operas. "Tannhauser"—Elisabeth's Greeting. "Lohengrin"—Elsa's Dream... Elisabeth Reiberg (Soprano) with Orchestra.
"Rienzi" Overture...Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
"Gotterdammerung"—Siegfried's Death—Brunnhilde's Hottest Bride... Lauritz Melchior (Tenor) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Professor Robert Heger.
Grand Fantasia On "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg" (arr. Weninger)...Symphony Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstuch.

7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
Marching with Sousa. Intro: Stars and Stripes; Fairest of the Fair; The Gladiator March; Liberty Bell March; Washington Post; King Cotton; El Capitan; Manhattan Beach.
The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel—arr. Winterbottom).

7.15 p.m.—CONSTANT LAMBERT—The Rio Grande. The Halle Orchestra (Solo Piano: Sir Hamilton Harty) with The St. Michael's Singers conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—VARIETY.
Vocal—"The Vagabond King" (Friml)—Hugues; Love For Sale...Norah Blaney (Soprano) with Piano.
Vocal & Piano—Blossoms On Broadway (from the film); Remember Me? (from 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air')...Leslie Hutchinson.
Vocal—Little Swiss Whistling Song (Parr-Davies)...Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon with Orchestra; Deep Purple (de Rose, Paris)...Bebe Daniels with Orchestra.
Vocal—"Let's All Join In The Chorus With

Beethoven's
"Appassionata"
Sonata

Tommy Handley And His Pals". Intro: Daisy Bell; Don't dilly dally on the way Nellie Dean; Oh, you beautiful Doll; The Spaniard that blighted my life; Hello Hello, who's your lady friend; At Trinity Church; Lily of Laguna; The Man who broke the Bank; Knees up, Mother Brown.

8.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Shadow Of The Swastika" Episode 1.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—New Summary.

9.30 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordeo Band. When The Swallows Nest Again (Steven Edmund).

You Can't Pull The Wool Over My Eye (Ager-Mencher). Billie Medley. Intro: The Last Round Up; Will the Angels play their Harps for Me; Home on the Range; Wagon Wheels Ole Faithful; Roll along, Covered Wagon.

9.43 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"Hat Variety". Written and devised by Gale Pedrick. Production by Robert Speer.

10.13 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—Howdy, Cloudy Morning? The Spider and The Fly...Nat Gonella & His Georgians.

Waltzes—Dearest Love (from 'Operette') Where Are The Songs We Sung (from 'Operette')...Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

Quickstep—Moon Love; Make Believe...Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch. Tangos—Callecita De Mi Novia; Olvidame...Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Let's Stop The Clock; There A Ranch In The Rockies...Gerald His Orchestra.

Waltz—Little Sir Echo; Fox-Trot—V Speak of You Often...Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians.

Rumba—Let Me Whisper, I Love You; Conga Blicot...Don Marino Barreto & His Cuban Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Gone (film 'Love on the Run')...Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"London Log".

11.15 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Quickstep—Music Hall Rag; Slow Fox-Trot—Temple Block Swing...Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks".

Quickstep—I'll See You In My Dream Waltz—Dreaming...Mantovani's Orchestra for Dancing.

Tangos—Milonguita; Carino Gaucho...Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Small Fry (from 'Sing for winners'); Is That The Way To Treat Sweetheart?...Music In The Russ McGann Manner.

Quickstep—Good Evenin', Good Lookin' Rumba—This Is The Kiss Of Roman...Henry Hall & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—I Can't Get You Out Of My Mind...Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

Tango—Echos Du Passe; Waltz—Although...Jean Tappanier's Ballroom Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—Goodnight My Lucky Day (film '33'; hours leave)...Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

12.00 midnight.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

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AN OPPORTUNIST

Although correct defence could have defeated the hand shown below, careful play, following a slip by West, enabled William D. Lee of Evanston, Ill., to make his contract.

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 6 4 2
♥ J 5
♦ A 5 4
♣ A Q 9 8
♠ J 9 8 3
♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ K 5 4
♠ K 7 5
♥ 10 6
♦ Q J 7
♣ J 10 7 6 3

♠ Q 10
♥ A K 8 7 4
♦ 10 9 8 3 2
♣ 2
Mr. Lee

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Mr. Lee states that his bid of three hearts and his partner's raise to four were both slight overbids.

The three of spades was opened. East won with the King and returned the suit, Mr. Lee winning with the Queen and leading the four of hearts. Now if West had gone right up with the Queen, he could have beaten the hand. But he made the mistake of playing the deuce, whereupon dummy's Jack won the trick. Mr. Lee now cashed the Ace-King

of hearts, discarding a small diamond from dummy, led the club and cashed the Ace of spades, and then trumped the last spade in his own hand. He then entered dummy with the Ace of diamonds, cashed the Ace of clubs and ruffed a

club with his one remaining trump, thereby making five trump tricks, two clubs, two spades and a diamond for his contract, and allowing the unfortunate West to use his high trump to trump his partner's trick at the finish.

Yesterday you were Declarer at six spades on the following hand:

♠ J 10 x x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ —
♣ A K x
(Dummy)

♠ N
♥ E
♦ S
♣ W
(You)

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ x x x
♦ —
♣ x x x

The King of diamonds was opened. What do you play to Trick No. 1?

ANSWER: You trump in dummy and discard a low heart from your own hand. Now if hearts break three and three, you can concede one heart trick and eventually set up the thirteenth heart in dummy for a discard of your losing club.
Score 100% for correct play, 0 for any other play.

QUESTION NO. 307

You are Merwin Maier's partner, your side is vulnerable and you hold:

♠ 7 4
♥ A Q 8 3
♦ K 8 6 3
♣ K 10 8

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl.	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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IMPORTANT JUNIOR GAMES

GUNNERS TO MEET SOUTH CHINA

(By "REFEREE")

Though the closing stages of Second Division of the Hong Kong Football League has now been reached several interesting and important games will be played this afternoon.

In the "A" section, South China meet 8th R.A. and though the Gunners have only an outside chance of finishing first, they are sure to give the Chinese a good game. South China are now favourably placed for the sectional title but cannot take any chances against this Battery team.

At Stanley, 30th Royal Artillery, third in the league table, are at home to Eastern, the leaders, and with the advantage of home ground should at least share the spoils.

LEADERS CLASH

In the "B" section Engineers, leaders, meet Kwong Wah who are now second in the League. Moxham, the Interport goalkeeper, will be seen in action for the Sappers.

In the First Division, the much improved Club team meet Middlesex. In spite of the vast improvement, it is not expected that Club will collect both points, unless the "Diehards" hit a bad patch, as they sometimes do.

Navy are fielding a strong team against Kwong Wah in preparation for their Kotewall Cup game against the Army on Wednesday.

The following is the week-end programme.

FIRST DIVISION

- Middlesex v Club
(Sookunpo at 4 p.m.)
S. China "A" v R. Scots
(Caroline Hill at 4 p.m.)
KOTEWALL CUP
Navy v Kwong Wah
(Causeway Bay at 4 p.m.)
JUNIOR SHIELD REPLAY
R.A.M.C. v International
(St. Joseph's at 4 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION "A"
R.A.O.C. v Kit Che
(Sookunpo at 2.30 p.m.)
South China v 8th R.A.
(Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.)
5th R.A. v Club
(Military at 2.30 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Eastern
(Stanley at 4 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION "B"

- Engineers v Kwong Wah
(Military at 4 p.m.)

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

To-day's Rugby programme on the Club ground, Happy Valley, promises excellent fare with the odds favouring Combined Services in both games.

The junior game commences at 2.45 p.m. and the senior at 4 p.m.

Following are the Combined Police and Club teams and those of Combined Services:

Following are the teams:
C. & P.:—Wall (Police); Taylor (Police); Fay (Police); Bidwell (Club) and Stewart (Club); Charter (Club) and Thomson (Club); Walkden (Club) (Captain), Burford (Club); Searle (Police); Needham (Club); Cullinan (Police); Dempsey (Police); Taylor (Club) and Kennedy (Club).

C.S.:—Stevens (Navy); Richards (Army); Lang (Army); Paul (Navy); Kennedy (Navy); Carter (Navy); Clark (Navy); Palmer (Navy); Sutherland (Army); Hewitt (Army); Taylor (Navy); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Cuthbertson (Army); Ridsdale (Army).

Reserves:—Waite (Army); Charles (Navy); C. and P. "A":—Thompson (Club); D. Hynes (Club); Aitkenhead (Club); Wilson (Police) and Carruthers (Club); Hutchison (Club) and Henderson (Club); Heasman (Club); Castleton (Club); Wandlyn (Club); Inals (Police) and Bompas (Club); Deane (Club); Richardson (Club) and Godfrey (Club).

C.S. "A":—Bax (Navy); Nicholls (Navy); Waite (Army); Boe (Army); Bowden (Navy); Hook (Army); Gallagher (Navy); Evans (Army); Brown (Navy); Barry (Army); Longmuir (Navy); Brinkley

- R. Scots v R.A.F.
(St. Joseph's at 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon v University
(Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.)
Signals v Police
(Kowloon at 4 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION
Kumaons v R. Scots
(Chatham R. at 2.30 p.m.)
12th R.A. v Signals
(Stanley at 2.30 p.m.)

HOCKEY

SEVERE TEST FOR "Y" LADIES TO-DAY

(By "ADREM")

"Y" Ladies will have one of their severest tests of the season in their Caer Clark Cup match this afternoon against Hong Kong Ladies.

The Champions will be without the services of their dashing inside-left, Mrs. S. Gardner, who is on holiday in Japan, and have also lost their regular goal-keeper, Miss C. Minnot.

Miss Bradbury, an original selection for inside-left, is unable to play and her place will be taken by Mrs. Macklin.

Hong Kong have selected the most powerful combination they have turned out this season so they evidently mean business.

FORWARDS IN DERECE

Miss Gray and Miss Stratton, the backs, in front of Mrs. Lunson in goal, provide a powerful last line of defence, while their intermediate-line includes two former members of their attack, Miss Greig and Mrs. Dalziel. With Miss June Booker completing the line, there should be plenty of speed and dash and the forwards should receive more support than usual.

These forwards will be led by Miss Maureen Booker, who will have two of the finest wingers in the Colony to support her.

C.B.A., with the aid of Mrs. White in the forward-line, should beat C.B.S., who have hitherto proved rather inexperienced. The schoolgirls are fast, however, and C.B.A. defence will need to keep a sharp eye on Miss Mona Shand and her contemporaries.

Both St. Andrew's games have been postponed owing to the wedding of Mrs. Vessoona, and other Brawn Cup games should result in victories for Argonauts, if they can keep Miss Eve Woolley in check, and Recreio.

Following is to-day Ladies' hockey programme and some of the teams:—

- CAER CLARK CUP**
C. B. A. v C. B. S.
(C. B. A., 3.00 p.m.)
H. K. Ladies v "Y" Ladies
(Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.)
BRAWN CUP
Argonauts v C. B. A.
(Recreio, 4.15 p.m.)
D. G. S. v Recreio
(D. G. S., 3.00 p.m.)

THE TEAMS

"Y" LADIES—Mrs. Trimmer; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Macklin and Miss Buchanan.

H.K. LADIES—Mrs. J. Lunson; Miss E. Gray and Miss B. Stratton; Miss J. Booker, Miss J. Greig and Mrs. W. Dalziel; Miss G. Marr, Mrs. Skinner, Miss M. Booker, Miss M. Smalley and Miss A. Purves.

C.B.A.—Miss B. Parsons; Mrs. M. Willmott and Miss P. Whitley; Miss P. Everest, Miss I. Woolley and Miss A. Smith; Miss E. Lahovetsky, Miss G. Quick, Mrs. M. White, Miss D. Squires and Miss D. Moss.

Reserve:—Miss W. Grimmit.

C.B.A.—Miss P. Macfayden; Miss V. Beaumont and Mrs. M. Mackay; Miss I. Cunningham, Miss J. Felshaw and Miss B. Louis; Miss E. Hunt, Miss F. Grimmit, Miss E. Woolley, Miss P. Baxter and Mrs. J. Crawford.

Reserves:—Miss R. Stalker and Miss B. Sullivan.

RECREIO—Miss C. Silva; Miss T. Goncalves and Miss M. Ribeiro; Miss V. Carvalho, Miss N. Osmond and Miss M. Silva; Miss L. Rodriguez, Miss M. Figueiredo, Miss M. Campos, Miss N. Goncalves and Miss I. Rozario.

(Army); Page (Army); Charles (Navy); Gale (Navy).

Reserves:—Piston (Army); Sheldrake (Army); Marsh (Army).

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

FOR some unknown reason the popularity of cricket in the Army has fallen off badly during the past few weeks. Several of the better-known players have turned their eyes in other directions and have adopted some other sport as their favourite. As a result of this falling off some difficulty has been found recently in fielding sides representing the Army that are in fact the best possible. The department that has been hardest hit is bowling, and in this respect the Army "B" eleven has suffered badly. When playing the second eleven of Club recently the "B" side set up quite a good score, but were beaten easily by several wickets. If had they had had a couple of bowlers who could have done any

real damage they must have won easily. Quite a number of players would like to play but are often prevented from doing so owing to the nature of their duties, but others, who are normally free on week-ends, do not care to turn out, having lost interest.

Another reason for the lack of success of Army elevens is the simultaneous running of football and cricket. The biggest loss to football this year has been Logan, an erstwhile United Services Cricket player, who now confines his sporting activities almost entirely to football and hockey.

Barsby of the Royal Artillery, used to play a lot of football but seems to be more interested in the bat these days. Blount the Signals all rounder does not turn out very regularly, mainly due to the nature of his duties, but he also is something of a footballer and has given more of his time to that game recently. He is quite a good bowler, and if he could be got back to the fold would be a great asset.

Major Petrie the Secretary puts a good deal of hard work into the job and it must be terribly disheartening to see all his work count for nothing owing to players letting him down.

I WAS not far wrong in my suggestions as to who the players would be to go to Shanghai with the Interport side. The only surprise to me is the selection of Moxham, not that he does not deserve his position but I imagined that the selectors would have wanted to see more of him than they have been able to before trusting him with the position. I have, however, not the slightest doubt myself that he will do both himself and the Army justice.

Sheehan and Hossack have played themselves into the positions they have been selected for and no better could have been chosen. I doubt, however, if Hossack will be as happy as usual with the inside forwards they have given him. Gosano is all right but I am not too happy about the sort of support he will receive from the other wing. He is a great trier though and his speed and tenacity will probably bring him through all right. Sheehan, has apparently been selected as right back, which puts him out of position, and he will have to use all his speed to cover up the partner selected for him.

SEE the Engineers are still playing softball and can be watched several times a week on Murray Parade Ground engaging in tilts with various other sides. I do not know a terrible lot about the game, but it is entertaining enough to watch although I must admit the part that I enjoy most is the good-hearted bantering by the spectators and players. Softball and baseball are about the only games in which barracking of any sort is welcome!



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Cricket League To Carry On

NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, the emergency meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League held yesterday under the chairmanship of the President, Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, decided that the League should carry on for this season.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, however, indicated that they would be forced to withdraw owing to disruption by Volunteer Camps but they requested to be allowed to carry out their fixtures as friendlies where circumstances permitted.

R.A.F. were permitted to re-enter the League but it was stipulated that their match against Police last week would have to be replayed, as both teams were under the impression that the fixture was a friendly.

Army entered the League but signified that they might have to drop out later in the season if difficulty was found in completing their fixtures.

In the latter event, all points scored by or against Army to that date would be washed out.

For Amended Fixture-list See Page 14.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES

Hong Kong Cricket Club having withdrawn from the League, four games will be played in Second Division this afternoon.

Best match is likely to be that at Sookunpoo between Army and Craigenower. Craigenower have selected a well-balanced side whereas Army appear to be somewhat weak in attack. For this reason the Valley team are likely to win unless a couple of the Army crack batsmen prove impossible to dislodge.

The much-improved Recreio team should beat the Police as the fixture is at King's Park but if they find Carey, Clarke and Pope in form, they will not find it easy.

K.C.C., strengthened by the inclusion of K. M. Baxter and R. T. Broadbridge, erstwhile senior players, should have little difficulty against University although they are playing at Pokfulam. J. R. Luke is also playing in his first match since his return from leave.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

SECOND DIVISION
I. R. C. v H. K. C. C. (Friendly)

Recreio v P. R. C.
R. A. F. v C. S. C. C.
University v Kowloon
Army v C. C. C.

FIRST DIVISION
H. K. C. C. v K. C. C.
I. R. C. v Recreio

LEAGUE TEAMS
C.C.C.—B. R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way, J. L. Youngsaye. Scorer, W. Broadbridge; Umpire, E. Zimmerman.

K.C.C.—W. Mulcahy (Capt.), S. A. Gray, J. R. Luke, F. J. Lay, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, R. A. J. Simpson, E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. A. V. Hall. H.K.C.C.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. P. Charlton, G. E. R. Divett, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Polter, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker.

ARMY—J. F. Lawrence (Capt.), J. E. Swyer, A. B. Whalman, A. W. F. Peal, C. M. M. Man, J. E. Ridsdale, B. A. Fergus.

BADMINTON POSTPONED

Both matches down for decision in Mixed Doubles division of the Badminton League last night were postponed.

The "Big" match between Recreio and University had to be called off at the last moment owing to the indisposition of three members of the Recreio team.

Match Between Taikoo and K.C.C. will be played on Tuesday.

Patterson, Gardner, Eddy, Boocock. RECREIO—A. F. Prata (Capt.), H. M. Xavier, H. A. Barros, A. V. Gosano, M. A. Remedios, J. A. Soares, M. Mendonca, A. J. M. Prata, G. A. Guterres, J. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho.

C.C.C. TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following have been selected to represent the Club in a friendly cricket match against the Combined Schools on Sunday, commencing at 2.00 p.m., on the home ground.

H. P. Lim (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulke, G. Ladd, T. Lock, W. Hong Sling, G. Winch and A. N. Other.

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PARIS, TO-DAY.

IT IS STILL VERY COLD ON THE WESTERN FRONT AND ALMOST A GALE HAS BEEN BLOWING FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS, MAKING AIR ACTIVITY DIFFICULT.

The French official wireless commentator, amplifying the brief French communique, says that French planes nevertheless carried out numerous reconnaissance flights over the German lines.

Two dog-fights are reported, in one case a German reconnaissance machine being shot down, the third in two days. German reconnaissance planes

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The cause of all this is that Germany's capital is 40 per cent. short of its normal coal supplies, due to the overworked transport system.

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